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The Science Coalition Thanks Chairman Obey for his Service and Commitment to Enhancing America's Leadership in Science and Innovation

May 6, 2010 – Upon announcement that House Appropriations Committee Chairman David Obey (D-WI) will retire at the end of his current term in Congress, The Science Coalition issued the following statement:

Congressman Obey has always understood how critically important scientific research is to our nation's future. Under his leadership on the House Appropriations Committee, the federal government has made continual investments in scientific research, including substantially growing funding for the National Institutes of Health. Further, his leadership and vision helped ensure the important place of scientific research in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). These investments have led to new discoveries that save lives, expand our knowledge, and develop the technology that fuels our economic growth.

In recognition of his leadership, The Science Coalition presented Rep. Obey with its Champion of Science Award in 1999. Today, The Science Coalition congratulates him on his impending retirement and thanks him for his many years of committed service.

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The Science Coalition is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization representing 45 of the nation's leading public and private research universities. It is dedicated to sustaining the federal government's investment in basic research as a means to stimulate the economy, drive innovation and secure America's global competitiveness. www.sciencecoalition.org.