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### **The Science Coalition Comments on Passage of the FY 2014 Omnibus Appropriations Bill**

*Jon Pyatt, 2014 president of The Science Coalition, made the following statement:*

We are pleased to see the FY14 omnibus appropriations bill pass the House and the Senate in a strong bipartisan manner. This bill is a promising start in the effort to stabilize funding for key federal science agencies that was cut under sequestration.

Scientific research contributes to the health, safety and well-being of every American, as well as to our economic prosperity. Twenty years ago we might not have imagined the strides we have made in promising treatments for AIDS and breast cancer, that an Internet search engine would form the basis for a Fortune 100 company, or that we'd email, text, talk and watch videos on a smart phone. Because of strong and consistent federal support for basic scientific research, these and other scientific breakthroughs and technologies are available to us today.

Yet, if the United States wants to continue to reap the benefits of transformational innovations, we must all recommit ourselves to prioritizing research investments today and for years to come.

The bipartisan, bicameral effort that resulted in the passage of the omnibus this week has put the nation back on a course where investments in scientific research and education can be made. We urge Congress to continue to prioritize funding in these areas. Our long-term economic well-being as well as our health and national security depend on it.

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[www.sciencecoalition.org/successstories](http://www.sciencecoalition.org/successstories)

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