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The Honorable Richard Shelby, Chairman
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The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen, Ranking Member
Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Shelby and Ranking Member Shaheen,

The American Physiological Society (APS) would like to thank you for your sustained support of the National Science Foundation (NSF). NSF provides a critical source of basic research funding for scientists at institutions across the country. Decades of federal investment in basic research have laid the groundwork for advances in treating diseases, improving health and increasing our understanding of the world around us. With new challenges including an aging American population, changing climate, and emerging infectious disease, investing in research has never been more critical.

In recent years the NSF budget has eroded due to flat funding while the cost of doing research has increased due to inflation. We urge you to consider funding the NSF at \$8 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2018 so that the agency can continue to support innovative research and invest in the next generation of American scientists.

Sincerely,

Dennis Brown, Ph.D.
President

The American Physiological Society is a professional society dedicated to fostering research and education as well as the dissemination of scientific knowledge concerning how the organs and systems of the body work. The Society was founded in 1887 and now has more than 11,000 member physiologists. APS members conduct research at colleges, universities, medical schools, and other public and private research institutions across the U.S.