

October 1, 2018

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Durbin  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Pete Visclosky  
Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shelby, Chairwoman Granger, and Ranking Members Durbin and Visclosky,

On behalf of the Coalition for National Security Research (CNSR), I am writing to thank you for your strong support for the robust Defense Science & Technology (S&T) funding levels in the final FY 2019 Defense-LHHS Appropriations bill. We remain deeply appreciative of the extraordinary amount of work that you have put into ensuring that the future US technological superiority is not sacrificed to more immediate budget demands.

As the rate of technological advancement globally continues to accelerate, we increasingly will run the risk of being outpaced by adversaries that are seeking to exploit potential gaps in our ability to keep pace. This year's Defense Appropriations bill is an encouraging statement that Congress recognizes this threat and has the vision to look beyond the threats that we currently face to those we will face twenty, thirty and forty years from now.

We recognize that when there are so many immediate demands on our nation's defenders and warfighters, this is not an easy decision. However, it is essential to the long-term security of the country.

We applaud this bill as exemplary of the delicate balance that must be struck between immediate and long-term considerations. Rest assured that as the nation's premier national security research organizations, we will continue to strive to maintain the "front lines" of technological advantage.

Sincerely,

John Latini  
Chairman  
Coalition for National Security Research (CNSR)

## Mission

The Coalition for National Security Research (CNSR) is a broad-based alliance of industry, research universities and institutes, scientific and professional organizations, and non-profits committed to advocating for a strong Defense Science & Technology (S&T) enterprise, with particular emphasis on basic (6.1) and applied (6.2) defense research. Whether it is developing weapons systems, cybersecurity capabilities, protecting the warfighter, or developing technologies used to heal the wounded, the Defense S&T program serves as the foundation upon which U.S. military technical superiority is built. CNSR's advocacy with Congress and the Administration supports long-term, robust funding for basic and applied research, as well as Department of Defense-funded educational programs that cultivate a new generation of talented engineers and scientists.

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