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The Honorable Pete Visclosky  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ken Calvert  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Defense  
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Dear Chairman Visclosky and Ranking Member Calvert,

The Coalition for National Security Research (CNSR), a broad-based alliance representing the undersigned members from industry, academia, scientific and professional associations, and non-profits committed to a strong Defense science and technology (S&T) enterprise, would like to thank you for your support of the Defense S&T program in the fiscal year (FY) 2020 Department of Defense Appropriations bill. The resources for defense basic research programs, such as University Research Initiatives, and applied research programs, like the Defense-Wide Manufacturing S&T program, will support innovative scientific research to help the U.S. military maintain technical superiority now and in the future.

We are appreciative of your efforts to increase investments in Army Defense Research Sciences, Army and Air Force University Research Initiatives, Navy Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI) and Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP), Defense-wide Minerva Research Initiative, Defense Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCOR), and National Defense Education Program, as well as programs to increase the participation of women and minorities in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The inclusion of these priorities in the bill sends the message that you recognize the importance of investing in future U.S. technological superiority. We feel strongly that these investments must not be sacrificed to more immediate budget demands.

Support for applied research in unmanned systems, autonomy, propulsion, materials, manufacturing, digital security, energetics, and hypersonics is critical to helping CNSR members spearhead efforts to strengthen and build the national security innovation base through research, education, and workforce development. 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 United States.

We look forward to working with you throughout the FY 2020 appropriations process to ensure that the entire Defense S&T enterprise has the resources it needs to maintain technical superiority. As the nation’s premier national security research organizations, we can assure you we will be good partners and stewards for the future warfighting enterprise.

To learn more or contact the Coalition for National Security Research (CNSR), please visit https://cnsr4research.org or email cnsr.dodresearch@gmail.com.
Sincerely,

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American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)  
American Chemical Society (ACS)  
American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering  
American Mathematical Society (AMS)  
American Psychological Association (APA)  
American Society for Engineering Education  
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