June 21, 2018

The Honorable Jerry Moran  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Commerce,  
Justice, Science, and Related Agencies  
521 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science  
Committee on Appropriations  
506 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Moran and Ranking Member Shaheen,

On behalf of Research!America, thank you for providing a $301 million increase for the National Science Foundation (NSF) in the Senate’s pending Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill.

As one of our nation’s most important strategic assets, NSF uncovers knowledge that benefits our nation and world in profoundly important ways. NSF’s portfolio, which is intentionally diverse to maximize the returns on fundamental science and technology investment, spans biology, economics, mathematics, computer science, the social and behavioral sciences, engineering and other crucial research disciplines.

Whether the focus is job growth, national security, improved health or fiscal stability, NSF is helping in concrete ways to advance objectives critically important to the wellbeing of Americans and the future of our nation. Under your leadership, NSF is positioned to expand its pivotal role, and we look forward to working with you to ensure NSF funding remains robust as the FY19 appropriations process moves forward.

Thank you again for your stewardship over this critical science agency.

Sincerely,

Mary Woolley  
President and CEO