Dear Chairmen Shelby, Alexander, Frelinghuysen, and Simpson and Ranking Members Leahy, Feinstein, Lowey, and Kaptur:

On behalf of the American Geophysical Union and its 60,000 Earth and space scientist members, I want to thank you for your leadership in passing the fiscal year (FY) 2019 Energy and Water appropriations bill. We appreciate your efforts to complete the appropriations process before the end of the year, use regular order, and reject the harmful cuts to science outlined in the President’s budget request.

As you work to finalize the Energy and Water appropriations bill, we urge you to ensure that the Department of Energy Office of Science and the Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA-E) receive robust funding at the Senate mark of $6.65 billion and $375 million, respectively. Research at the Department of Energy is essential to safeguarding our nation and meeting our nation’s growing energy demands. Funding at this level will fortify America's leadership in energy research and foster energy innovation.

Thank you for continuing to recognize the importance of robust science funding to our nation’s security and economy. AGU stands ready to work with you to ensure that our nation can continue
to benefit from a strong scientific enterprise.

Respectfully,

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cc:
The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
The Honorable John Cornyn  
The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
The Honorable Richard Durbin  
The Honorable John Boozman  
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The Honorable Tim Ryan  
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