

February 20, 2015

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Senate Committee on Appropriations
125 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Capitol, S-128
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Shelby and Ranking Member Mikulski,

As scientific organizations who wrote you last November regarding a number of climate research policy riders in the House FY 2015 appropriations bills, we would like to thank you for your efforts to remove the problematic language. We are pleased and grateful that the final FY 2015 appropriations bill did not prohibit spending on or block access to information from federal climate science programs such as the U.S. Global Change Research Program and U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

Your leadership helps to ensure that the U.S. continues to lead the world in understanding our Earth system and that the Department of Defense, other federal agencies, states, resource planners, cities, businesses and local decision makers have access to the latest, best available science for planning and prioritization. We are grateful for your leadership on behalf of the scientific community and look forward to continuing to work with you this year and into the future in support of a healthy and productive scientific enterprise.

Sincerely,

Alliance for Earth Observations
American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Chemical Society
American Council of STEM Educators
American Geophysical Union
American Society of Agronomy
American Society of Microbiology
American Society of Plant Biologists
Association of American Universities
Ceres
Consortium for Ocean Leadership
Crop Science Society of America
Ecological Society of America
Geological Society of America

National Association of Marine Laboratories
National Council for Science and the Environment
Society for Conservation Biology
Soil Science Society of America
University Corporation for Atmospheric Research
University of Colorado Boulder
The Weather Company
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

cc: Senator Cochran