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### **The Academy Statement on House Passage of FY2020 Appropriations Package**

*The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research (The Academy) today issued the following statement in response to House passage of H.R. 2740, which includes fiscal year (FY) 2020 funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH):*

“The Academy commends the House of Representatives for continuing its commitment to medical research through increased funding for the NIH in FY2020. As well as providing lifesaving treatments, NIH funding will continue to advance science, innovation, and economic growth. The \$2 billion dollar increase this bill provides will ensure that funding levels are sustained so that the NIH and its many institutes, including the National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), can continue their lifesaving research. Increased funding to the NIBIB will create more grant opportunities for groundbreaking researchers to advance imaging technologies that improve the detection, treatment, and prevention of disease while improving patient care.

We applaud the House Appropriations Committee leadership for their longstanding support of medical research, but we are also mindful that completing the appropriations process will require lawmakers and the White House to first finalize a bipartisan deal to raise the budget caps imposed by the Budget Control Act of 2011. The Academy encourages Congress and the Administration to reach an agreement as quickly as possible as these statutory caps would result in a cut of ten percent to the NIH’s budget.”

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### **About the Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research:**

The Academy has been at the forefront of advocacy and policy on behalf of the medical imaging community for more than 20 years, campaigning tenaciously for federal research funding, pushing for changes in policy issues critical to imaging researchers, and promoting technical advances that can improve diagnostics and patient care. It was also the catalyst behind the creation of the National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering research (NIBIB) at the NIH and leads the effort for medical imaging research funding across all government agencies. The Academy represents biomedical imaging researchers from major academic radiology departments across the country and also serves as a bridge to patient advocacy groups and leading imaging manufacturers that share an interest in high-value imaging research.