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## **Academy Statement on House Passage of 2019 Labor, HHS, Education Conference Report**

*The Academy for Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Research today issued the following statement on House passage of the Fiscal Year 2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act conference report:*

“The wisest investment the federal government can make is medical research to help improve diagnoses, treat and cure deadly and debilitating diseases, and improve Americans’ quality of life. We are thrilled about passage of the FY2019 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Act conference report, which increases investment in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) by \$2 billion on top of a \$3 billion increase in last year’s Omnibus Appropriations Act.

“We are also pleased by the prospect that this overall increase will benefit the National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), which the Academy successfully advocated to establish in 2000. NIBIB’s work to improve imaging quality has led to significant advancements in diagnostics and treatment in dozens of medical specialties. The Academy looks forward to working with NIBIB’s incoming director, Bruce Tromberg, Ph.D. to ensure federal funding continues to help spur advancements in imaging science.

“The Academy thanks the Senate and the House, and particularly the conferees for their hard work to make enactment before the end of the fiscal year possible.

“The Academy also calls on President Trump to sign this responsible conference report into law so all American can reap the rewards of smart investments in health research.”

### **About the Academy:**

The Academy for Radiology & Biomedical Imaging Research is committed to advancing research in medical imaging to promote the health and well-being of patients. By engaging a community of developing and experienced imaging scientists, novel technology experts, patients, and their advocates, the Academy promotes shared learning and communication on current and future research initiatives. The Academy also informs the public and policymakers how imaging and image-guided therapies translate into disease prevention, earlier and more accurate diagnoses, and improved quality of care.

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