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"I want to start out by thanking Chairman Wolf for continuing to be a model chairman for this Subcommittee. He is a professional, he is principled, and he has once again involved us at every level of deliberation. I also want to thank the chairman's staff, along with my subcommittee staff and personal office staff for their work on this bill. The chairman thanked them individually, and I want to identify myself with those remarks.

"The allocation, as the chairman said in his conclusion, is based on the Ryan budget that passed the House. The Senate CJS Subcommittee, which marked up its bill on Tuesday, has an allocation that is \$731 million higher. So the allocation does not allow us to make investments in some areas where we may have had a different view about the investments that are needed.

"While the bill is not what we would have written in every respect, it does make important investments in many priorities on which I agree, and I want to highlight the chairman's good work in those areas.

"At the Department of Commerce, there are healthy funding levels for research at the National Institute of Standards and Technology and for NOAA's satellite programs, which are important to ensuring accurate weather forecasting in support of public safety and the economy. And the chairman's mark very wisely rejects proposed cuts within the National Weather Service related to information technology personnel, air quality forecasting, tsunami warning capability, and wind profile measurements.

"The bill provides funding at or near the requested level for the Department of Justice law enforcement agencies, including an increase above the request for the FBI to augment key capabilities related to cyber investigations and surveillance. I know that all of the members of the Committee are aware of the very significant challenges in this regard, and this additional funding is desperately needed in order to protect our nation. I thank the chairman for his

vigilance in this regard and his personal involvement in making sure that members are kept up-to-date on this issue.

"The bill provides a small increase for Office on Violence Against Women grant programs, as well as a small increase for Crime Victims Fund programs.

"The chairman's mark provides a healthy increase for the National Science Foundation, although I suspect the Chairman and many of the rest of us would like to invest more there.

"The bill makes a strong commitment to NASA Science by providing in full the amount requested for the James Webb Space Telescope. In addition, the bill funds future robotic missions to Mars, which will ensure that the United States continues its vital leadership in the area of Mars exploration. This is a matter of importance to many members, and in particular to my colleague, Adam Schiff, and we are going to continue to work in this area as we move toward full Committee markup to make sure we have it correct.

"Due in large part to the limits of the allocation, there are a number of areas in the bill we should try to improve as we move through the process.

"We should provide additional resources for the Economic Development Administration grants, which are cut by \$38 million, or 17 percent, below 2012. These grants have proven to be of great help in creating jobs in many of the most distressed communities across the country.

"We will need to find more funding for the Census Bureau, which is cut, and also for NOAA's Operations, Research, and Facilities account. For these and other areas, we will have an opportunity to have a dialogue with our colleagues in the Senate to find additional resources.

"The bill does not provide for the Department of Justice most of the increases proposed by the White House for financial and mortgage fraud enforcement and this is an area of some concern.

"The State and Local grant programs at DOJ will also require continued efforts by those of us on the Subcommittee as we go to conference.

"Last year, we had some concerns about the Legal Services Corporation and we still think that is an area where we need to do more to ensure access for Americans to seek redress in the courts, notwithstanding the fact that they may be in economically distressed circumstances. So this is an area where I will continue to work as we move forward to find additional resources.

"But I want to focus on the positive. I want to thank the chairman for his treatment of several programs that are of particular importance to me and to the minority.

"The Manufacturing Extension Partnership program receives \$128 million, including \$2.5 million to continue the work of the National Innovation Marketplace, to help expand our manufacturing base by connecting manufacturers, parts suppliers, purchasers and others. The bill also includes \$21 million, as requested by the President, for a new Advanced Manufacturing Technology Consortia program at NIST, which will expand research and development in support of manufacturing, and it provides \$149 million, as requested, for NSF's Advanced Manufacturing initiative.

"We are also continuing our investment in a new program authorized under the America COMPETES Act to provide loans to small manufacturers to invest in technology. This loan program, the chairman's re-shoring initiative, and the work of NIST overall is extremely important to the future of manufacturing. And I would note that for the subcommittee's final hearing, the chairman held a full hearing on the question of manufacturing, which I think continues to increase the committee's awareness about how we can continue to have a positive impact on manufacturing. I want to thank the chairman for holding that hearing. We have over 11 million Americans working in manufacturing today, and we need to retain those jobs and increase the number of such jobs as we go forward.

"I would also like to thank the chairman for fully funding the Office of Science and Technology Policy, which plays a critical oversight and coordination role for science and technology activities. Most important to me, in last year's bill we included my initiative on neuroscience, a federal, government-wide collaboration on neuroscience. I want to thank Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Dicks for their support of this initiative. We are on our way towards significant breakthroughs related to the treatment of brain injuries, cognitive developmental disorders, and neurodegenerative diseases like Parkinsons and Alzheimers that will have tremendous

implications for the mental health of the American people and the cost of healthcare for our country. The OSTP-led collaboration is now fully engaged, and they brought on one of the nation's leading neuroscientists to shepherd this. I want to again thank the chairman for all of his support of this mission.

"I am also pleased that we have made a significant investment in NASA Space Technology in this bill and that NASA Commercial Crew Development is funded at a \$500 million level. I believe in American enterprise, and the fact that we don't need the government to always do things the private sector can do. We will see very shortly the private sector and American ingenuity at work, flying to the space station to deliver cargo.

"And finally, I want to thank the chairman for his extraordinary, strong support for my request to increase funding for the Youth Mentoring program supported through this bill. For instance, through the Boys and Girls Clubs, 4 million young people benefit from 4,000 clubs across our country and on our military bases. They provide a tremendous opportunity for us to direct young people the right way.

"For these improvements that have been made, I want to thank Chairman Wolf and all of the members of the subcommittee for their work. This is a bill, I think that, as we go forward, will lay the foundation for work that we will continue to be proud of.

"There are improvements that need to be made, but I think the bill Chairman Wolf has put together within a tight allocation is a point at which we can begin this process. I want to thank the Chairman for his work and his efforts in this regard."