After being assured that Senators Coburn and McCain would NOT be allowed to offer an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2013 Continuing Resolution, H.R. 933, to transfer $10 million from the National Science Foundation Social, Behavioral and Economic Directorate political science research portfolio to the National Cancer Institute, we now understand that Senator Coburn is offering this amendment at 2:00 p.m. (EST) TODAY.

Please call your U.S. Senators NOW to urge them to vote NO on the Coburn/McCain amendment to transfer $10 million from the NSF SBE Directorate to the National Cancer Institute and towards overall deficit reduction.

The amendment sets up a false dichotomy between medical research and research in the social sciences that we emphatically reject. The arguments for providing additional funds for NIH and specifically for NCI are obviously strong, and we wish Congress were providing more funding in FY13. However, such funding should not and need not come at the expense of political science research.
To reach your U.S. Senators, go to:

http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

You may also call the main U.S. Capitol Senate operator at:
202-224-3121 to be connected directly to your U.S. Senators.

Additional Background Information

http://www.aau.edu/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=14272

Thank you for your attention to this urgent message!

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