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House Considers 50% Budget Cut for NSF Economics

On April 22nd the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee voted for the [America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2015 \(H.R. 1806\)](#). This legislation would reduce authorization levels in Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 for the National Science Foundation's Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) Directorate to about half of current spending levels. It is scheduled for a vote on the floor of the House on May 18th. There is as yet no Senate version of this legislation.

The Consortium of Social Science Associations posted its [analysis](#) of the legislation, sent a [statement](#) to the House Science Committee opposing the legislation and sent an [alert](#) to its members. Please inspect these websites if you are interested in this issue.

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