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Bird Division  
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Curators:  
David P. Mindell  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to express my concern over plans to cut funding to the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic by more than 50% over the next three years. These cuts will negatively impact the important research conducted by members of the Academy.

Fish Division  
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Curator:  
William L. Fink

I currently collaborate with members of the Academy of Sciences. I am very impressed with the quality of their research and with the training of young scientists, some of whom have visited my laboratory.

Herpetology Division  
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Ronald A. Nussbaum

I strongly urge you to reconsider the planned cuts and to keep the funding of the Academy of Sciences at the current level.

Insect Division  
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Curators:  
Lacey Knowles  
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Sincerely,

Priscilla K. Tucker  
Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology,  
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