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Letter of support

Dear Prof. Drahos,

I was informed about plans to cut the funding of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (ASCR) by more than a half over the next three years. If realized, such severe cuts may endanger the very existence of one of the pillars of the Czech science and research.

The ASCR has provided important results to the scientific community and further achievements can be expected as there is a number of world-class scientists in the Academy. With some of them, e. g. the Nuclear Physics Institute, Rez, we are closely collaborating. In addition, the success of the Academy provides motivation for young people to choose careers in science and research.

The severe restriction of the activities of the Academy of Sciences would run against the acknowledged fact that sustained long-term expansion of the economy is impossible without strong science and research.

We are firmly convinced that further development of the Academy of Sciences is in the best interests of the Czech Republic. We thus urge the government to reconsider the planned cuts and keep the funding of the Academy of Sciences at the level that will make this development possible.

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