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CAWG Applauds Federal Funding for Smoke Exposure Research

SACRAMENTO, June 4, 2019 – The House Appropriations Committee on June 4 approved a bill that includes \$1.5 million in research funding to address issues related to smoke exposed winegrapes. The committee approved the fiscal year 2020 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies bill on a 29 to 21 vote.

“We appreciate the committee’s decision to fund smoke exposure research and I want to commend, in particular, the leadership of California Reps. Mike Thompson (D-St. Helena) and Jimmy Panetta (D-Carmel Valley) to obtain these funds,” said California Association of Winegrape Growers President John Aguirre.

CAWG and other industry organizations from California, Oregon and Washington originally requested \$5 million for smoke exposure research. These groups will continue to push for the full \$5 million as the U.S. Senate works on its bill to fund the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Food and Drug Administration and related agencies.

Additional information:

Appropriations Committee *approves* funding bill (June 4)

<https://appropriations.house.gov/news/press-releases/appropriations-committee-approves-fiscal-year-2020-agriculture-rural-development>

Appropriations Committee *releases* funding bill (May 22)

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