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FASEB JOINS RESEARCH COMMUNITY IN SUPPORT OF USDA'S AGRICULTURE & FOOD RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) has joined with the research community in supporting the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI), the competitive research grant program at the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Universities, scientific societies, and other stakeholders sent a letter to Agriculture appropriations conferees, urging them to favor the Senate-proposed funding level of \$295 million for AFRI.

“As the nation and world seek innovative solutions for climate change, sustainable food and fuel production, and ecosystem health, we must renew public investment in food and agricultural research conducted at research institutions across the nation,” stated the letter, signed by 45 institutions and organizations, “united in our support of the nation’s competitive, agricultural research enterprise, which contributes to U.S. economic health and the well-being of all Americans.”

“This is an exciting opportunity for competitive research in agriculture,” stated Mark O. Lively, Ph.D., FASEB President. “We are grateful that Senators Kohl, Brownback, and their colleagues have recognized the important role AFRI plays in ensuring a safe and nutritious food supply.” FASEB is a proud member of the AFRI Coalition, which also sent a letter of support for the Senate level to Agriculture appropriations conferees.

FASEB is composed of 22 societies with more than 90,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. Our mission is to advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to our member societies and collaborative advocacy.