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FASEB APPLAUDS CHAIRMAN OBEY FOR PROPOSED INCREASE IN NIH FUNDING

Bethesda, MD – “The \$1.2 billion increase proposed for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in today’s Labor-HHS markup is a beacon of hope to those suffering from deadly diseases, like cancer, Alzheimer’s, and Parkinson’s,” said Robert Palazzo, Ph.D., President of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB). “Chairman Obey deserves great thanks for his support of biomedical research and his commitment to the health of the American people.”

Palazzo praised Chairman Obey’s leadership in seeking to end six years of flat funding for NIH, “As the Chairman himself stated ‘The quality of health care delivered to the American people rests fundamentally on the level of knowledge we have about diseases.’” The FASEB President continued, “Investment in the science that leads to medical advancement is vital in our quest for treatments and cures. We are immensely grateful to Chairman Obey for his vision and dedication to NIH.”

“Years of flat-funding have been discouraging to researchers and have delayed the progress of life-saving discoveries,” Palazzo said. “It is our hope that this markup represents a critical turning point, and we look forward to working with Chairman Obey and Congress to bring about a sustainable future for NIH.”

FASEB is composed of 21 societies with more than 80,000 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. FASEB’s mission is to advance biological science through collaborative advocacy for research policies that promote scientific progress and education and lead to improvements in human health.