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---Quality Life Through Research---

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The Honorable #####
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515
Fax: ###-###-####

Dear Representative #####,

On behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, representing 21 scientific societies with more than 80,000 members, I am writing to request that you help ensure the future of U.S. biomedical research by signing Representatives Ed Markey (D-MA) and Dave Reichert's (R-WA) "Dear Colleague" letter in support of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The "Dear Colleague" letter's proposal is for an increase of 6.5% for NIH in FY2009 that will enable researchers across the nation to find ways to prevent and cure diseases that afflict millions of Americans. Patients, scientists, and concerned citizens have joined together to request that the NIH budget be raised by \$1.9 billion to \$31.1 billion. Medical research is our best hope for reducing the suffering from disease and protecting our nation against new and emerging health threats.

NIH distributes the vast majority of the funding it receives to educational institutions across the country in the form of grants. In the past five years, the NIH budget has lost over 10 percent of its purchasing power, and scientists all over the nation are feeling the impact. Vital research projects are being halted and young scientists—our hope for the future—are becoming discouraged and leaving the field.

We encourage you to sign the "Dear Colleague" letter and help to ensure that we are taking advantage of a unique opportunity for progress in the battle against disability and disease.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Palazzo, Ph.D.
FASEB President