

Member Societies

The American Physiological Society
 American Society for Biochemistry and
 Molecular Biology
 American Society for Pharmacology and
 Experimental Therapeutics
 American Society for Investigative
 Pathology
 American Society for Nutrition
 The American Association of
 Immunologists
 American Association of Anatomists
 The Protein Society
 Society for Developmental Biology
 American Peptide Society
 Association of Biomolecular Resource
 Facilities
 The American Society for Bone and
 Mineral Research
 American Society for Clinical
 Investigation
 Society for the Study of Reproduction
 Teratology Society
 The Endocrine Society
 The American Society of Human
 Genetics
 Society for Gynecologic Investigation
 Environmental Mutagen Society
 International Society for
 Computational Biology
 American College of Sports Medicine

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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the 21 societies and the more than 80,000 scientists represented by the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), we applaud the inclusion of \$1 billion in additional funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the *Reid/Byrd Economic Recovery Act of 2008* (S 3689). Years of inadequate investment are hindering scientific discovery at a time of unprecedented opportunity and undermining the nation's leadership in medical research.

Approval of the additional funding in the newly-introduced economic recovery package would contribute to the economic strength of the nation by creating thousands of skilled jobs. According to a study released in June 2008 by Families USA, on average, in fiscal year 2007, every dollar of NIH funding generated more than twice as much in state economic output. This same study revealed that in FY 2007, NIH grants and contracts created and supported more than 350,000 jobs at an average salary of \$52,000, generating wages in excess of \$18 billion in the 50 states.

Increasing the federal investment in NIH now will stimulate the economy and capitalize on the extraordinary scientific promise before us, giving patients and their families renewed hope for the future. We urge that any stimulus bill include funding for NIH.

Sincerely,



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