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FASEB MAKES FINAL PUSH FOR HOUSE PASSAGE OF NIH, NSF FUNDING IN SUPPLEMENTAL

Bethesda, MD – “The future of our nation depends on our willingness to invest in the science that leads to treatments for disease, innovative technologies that drive our economy, and breakthrough discoveries that transform our everyday lives,” said Robert Palazzo, Ph.D., President of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB). “That is why we are doing everything we can to ensure the House passes the Senate-approved supplemental funding for research.”

FASEB has contacted all members of the House of Representatives, urging them to support the Senate-passed version of H.R. 2642, the FY2008 Supplemental Appropriations Act. “This bill contains \$400 million for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and \$200 million for the National Science Foundation (NSF),” Palazzo continued. “This represents a lifeline for patients struggling with debilitating conditions, for scientists trying to keep their research programs going, and for all of our citizens who stand to benefit from the fruits of basic research.”

“We are deeply grateful to the Senate, and particularly Senator Harkin, for the recognition that science is a national priority,” stated the FASEB President. “It is our sincere hope that their colleagues in the House will follow suit in supporting better health and quality of life for all Americans through rapid passage of this legislation.”

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.