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FASEB THANKS PRESIDENT OBAMA FOR SAYING RESEARCH FUNDING SHOULD REMAIN A BUDGET PRIORITY

Bethesda, MD - Last night, President Barack Obama addressed the nation about the debt ceiling negotiations and emphasized his continued support for medical research. Urging Congress to adopt a balanced approach to deficit reduction and recognizing that government should live within its means, he acknowledged that research is one of the priorities we need to pay for as a country.

In a [letter to President Obama](#), Joseph C. LaManna, PhD, President of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) wrote “we express our sincere appreciation for your continued support for sustaining the federal commitment to medical research. Your words are an inspiration to those who have dedicated their careers to the pursuit of scientific advancement.” LaManna added, “These are very challenging times but we take great comfort in knowing you clearly recognize that our future depends on research. Your support for this critical investment—even during a time of unprecedented budgetary constraints—will help to improve the health of millions of people and provide hope to individuals and families battling life-threatening diseases.”

FASEB will continue to follow the President’s lead and call on Congress to maintain America’s role as a world leader in research and discovery.

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