



Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology

----Quality Life Through Research----

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

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), our 22 member societies, and their 84,000 members, I urge you to support our country's scientific research enterprise during floor action on the FY2007 House Budget Resolution.

The House Budget Resolution that was approved by committee fails to provide essential funding for essential health and science programs, such as the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science. Therefore, I ask that you support all efforts to ensure that adequate funding is provided for these vital agencies in this year's budget resolution. If the budget resolution does not contain this vital funding, I urge you to oppose it.

NIH programs improve human health and reduce the burden of disease; NIH funded medical research provides hope to those looking for treatments for serious medical maladies. Our investment in research has paid substantial dividends, and our research institutions are the envy of the world. Diminished support for NIH will result in lost scientific opportunities for medical breakthroughs and could needlessly prolong the suffering of millions of patients.

President Bush's American Competitiveness Initiative, laid out in his State of the Union Address, provides increased funding for NSF and DOE's Office of Science. These vital research entities are on the daily forefront of supporting research that has the potential to save lives, enhance our economic productivity, protect our country, and increase our knowledge and understanding of the world. To shortchange them during this critical time would be dangerous to the health and security of our nation.

As one of the leading not-for-profit biomedical research advocacy organizations, FASEB supports robust increases for all agencies contributing to the well being of the scientific enterprise, including NIH, NSF and DOE. A vote to provide essential funding for these important agencies will ensure that the United States maintains its dominance in science and technology and stays ahead in the race for new cures.

Sincerely,

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