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## Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology

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

February 21, 2006

The Honorable Edward Kennedy  
United States Senate  
317 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kennedy:

On behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), which represents 22 independent scientific societies and over 84,000 biomedical researchers, I write to thank you for your strong words of support for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) during debate on the Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005. Your eloquent call for a greater investment in NIH is a message shared by FASEB.

During the debate you stated: "At the time when we are in the life science century, we are cutting back on those opportunities for individuals and families who are affected by cancer and Parkinson's and Alzheimer's." We wholeheartedly agree.

The opportunity to accelerate the pace of medical advancement cannot be overestimated. Our previous strong investment in NIH has developed the scientific talent necessary to address the health needs of our society. The research community stands ready to confront and overcome challenges such as cancer, obesity, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease. It is time to ask our nation's leaders whether they are ready to stand with us.

Enclosed, please find a copy of FASEB's FY 2007 Federal Funding Recommendation for the National Institutes of Health. This publication highlights many examples of beneficial research being supported by NIH.

Sincerely,

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