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**FASEB SUPPORTS ESTABLISHING NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE
AT USDA**

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) thanked Senators Jim Talent (R-MO), Tom Harkin (D-IA), and Richard Lugar (R-IN) for introducing S. 2782, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Act. FASEB also wrote the chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, Saxby Chambliss (R-GA), urging him to move this proposal forward.

This bill would establish NIFA to support research within the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), “allowing advancement of current knowledge and enhancing the superiority of American agriculture.” FASEB believes having an institute dedicated to funding competitive, peer-reviewed basic research in agriculture is “an ideal goal towards which we should strive.”

“NIFA would attract talented scientists and provide the expansion of the science base, which is needed to solve critical research problems,” said FASEB President Bruce R. Bistran, M.D., Ph.D. Furthermore, he added, “It would help maintain and magnify the breadth and competitive nature of the agricultural research portfolio, to ensure the United States’ economic vitality and the well-being of all Americans.” FASEB will continue to actively support this legislation as it moves through the committee.

The full letter can be seen by clicking [here](#).

FASEB is composed of 22 societies with more than 84,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB’s mission is to enhance the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. FASEB serves the interests of these scientists in those areas related to public policy, facilitates coalition activities among Member Societies and disseminates information on biological research through scientific conferences and publications.