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FASEB THANKS HOUSE APPROPRIATORS FOR NSF FUNDING LEVEL FOR FY 2007

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the House Committee on Appropriations for providing the National Science Foundation (NSF) with a FY 2007 funding level of \$6.02 billion. “NSF is achieving the recognition it deserves as our nation’s premier sponsor of fundamental research and science education,” said FASEB President Bruce Bistran, M.D., Ph.D. “The members of the House committee must be commended for their commitment to maintaining America’s global competitiveness through investment in science and technology.”

FASEB strongly believes that NSF is crucial to providing the knowledge and talent necessary to address the needs and challenges facing our nation. “NSF plays a unique role among federal science agencies in fostering broad, interdisciplinary collaboration resulting in innovations that improve the quality of our lives and contribute to the strength of our economy,” said Bistran. He went on to highlight technologies stemming from NSF research that have had broad societal impact, from Web browsers to improved cochlear implants to unmanned aircraft for use in disaster recovery. “FASEB will continue to work with Congress and the Administration to sustain interest in supporting this vital agency.”

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.