



Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology

— Quality Life Through Research —

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- The American Physiological Society
- American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics
- American Society for Investigative Pathology
- American Society for Nutrition
- The American Association of Immunologists
- American Association of Anatomists
- The Protein Society
- Society for Developmental Biology
- American Peptide Society
- Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities
- The American Society for Bone and Mineral Research
- American Society for Clinical Investigation
- Society for the Study of Reproduction
- Teratology Society
- The Endocrine Society
- The American Society of Human Genetics
- Society for Gynecologic Investigation
- Environmental Mutagen Society
- International Society for Computational Biology
- American College of Sports Medicine

April 3, 2007

The Honorable Doris Matsui
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Matsui:

I write in strong support of H.R. 1453, the Scientific Communications Act of 2007, on behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), its 21 scientific societies, and the more than 80,000 biomedical researchers they represent. FASEB believes that it is critically important to convey to Congress and the American public the fact that scientific research and development drives our nation's economy, advances human health, and improves the quality of our lives. By providing scientists with the training necessary to communicate with diverse audiences, this legislation will help to ensure accuracy of and appreciation for science in discussion and formation of public policy.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is our nation's premiere sponsor of fundamental research and science education. Establishing a competitive, merit-based program at NSF to improve the communications ability of scientists is truly synergistic with the agency's investment in the talent, ideas, and tools that cross all boundaries of scientific inquiry. The scientific community, our nation's universities, and the country as a whole stand to gain great benefit from providing opportunities to young scientists to develop communications skills, particularly as science and technology play an increasingly important role in our everyday lives.

The United States is unmatched in its ability to produce the best and brightest research scientists. Through passage of the Scientific Communication Act, the scientific workforce will acquire greater value and aptitude in informing the public policy dialogue. FASEB would like to sincerely thank you for your leadership in introducing this insightful piece of legislation and stands ready to assist in moving it forward.

Sincerely,

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