March 24, 2015

The Honorable Chaka Fattah
2301 Rayburn House Office Building
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Fattah,

On behalf of the 27 member societies and over 120,000 researchers the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) represents, I would like to thank you for your comments regarding the importance of non-human primate research during last week’s National Science Foundation budget hearing. The story that you told of the woman who is able to move a bionic limb using her thoughts was inspiring, and it is an excellent testament to both animal research and investigator-initiated, basic research funded by NSF. It is not always easy to predict the benefits that will emerge from fundamental, inquiry-driven research, and FASEB appreciates your continued support of the research efforts of NSF-funded scientists.

Thank you for highlighting the importance of animal-based research and its life-altering outcomes. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you on this and other research-related issues in the future.

Sincerely,

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FASEB President