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FASEB Expresses Disappointment in President's FY 2019 Budget Request

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) is disappointed by the administration's failure to adequately support fundamental scientific research. Although the addendum reverses significant cuts to the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation that were included in the base budget request, the revised funding levels for those agencies fall short of what is needed to sustain a robust scientific enterprise. "This budget, if it were enacted, will reduce the nation's capacity for research, delay the development of new treatments for devastating diseases, and send a signal to students and trainees that a career in science is unattainable," said FASEB President Thomas O. Baldwin, PhD.

Investments in research over the last few decades have enhanced our quality of life, brought greater understanding of the causes of rare diseases, and created entirely new industries. The abundant opportunities for additional progress demand sustained and predictable growth in the nation's research funding. "Surrendering our leadership in science is neither a smart nor a responsible decision," said Baldwin.

Federally supported researchers make discoveries, develop therapies and commercialize products and technologies at universities, hospitals, national labs, and other research institutions. Pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies rely on sustained and predictable funding for NIH, NSF, and DOE SC to maintain their product pipeline. In turn they create high-paying jobs in nearly every state and congressional district.

FASEB looks forward to working with Congress to enact a FY 2019 budget that recognizes the important contributions of the nation's scientists and enormous potential of biomedical research.

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