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FASEB Statement on FY 2018 Omnibus Appropriations Bill (HR 1625)

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology is profoundly grateful for the significant new investments in federal support for biomedical, biological, and agricultural research included in the FY 2018 omnibus appropriations bill released on March 21. “A \$3 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is the second largest in the agency’s history. This much needed infusion of funds is coming at the perfect time and will allow the nation’s scientific enterprise to take advantage of many exciting research opportunities,” said FASEB President Thomas O. Baldwin, PhD. “Chairman Roy Blunt, Chairman Tom Cole and ranking members Patty Murray and Rosa DeLauro deserve our highest praise for their steadfast commitment to making NIH funding a bipartisan national priority.”

FASEB is also very pleased that the omnibus includes an additional \$295 million for the National Science Foundation which has not had a real increase in 15 years despite the agency’s key role in supporting both research and training for the next generation of scientists. The Department of Energy Office (DOE) of Science also received nearly \$900 million in additional funding which will help keep pace with the increasing demand for access to DOE user facilities and the National Laboratories.

“This is a time of great discovery, as our scientific and technological capacities continue to bring us new insights, innovative technologies, and better solutions to complex problems. We are especially appreciative of the Commerce, Justice Science and Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittees’ leadership in providing the resources necessary to unleash the creative potential of scientists across the country that otherwise would have been sidelined due to insufficient budgets,” added Baldwin.

FASEB would also like to recognize our member societies and the thousands of researchers, graduate students, and post docs who worked tirelessly individually and in partnership to advocate for the funding increases that were included in the omnibus spending bill. Their efforts generated thousands of email messages to House and Senate offices, more than 200 meetings on Capitol Hill, op-eds in local newspapers from coast to coast, and visit with members of Congress at home.

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