April 29, 2013

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson, Ranking Member
U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ranking Member Johnson:

On behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), I commend your recent efforts to defend the National Science Foundation (NSF) and U.S. research enterprise. The FASEB community was pleased by both the vigor and clarity of your response to recent congressional attacks on the agency.

As you know, NSF-supported basic research is foundational to the nation’s innovation enterprise. From it grows many of the scientific and technological advances that drive the U.S. economy. Given the importance of basic research to the economic health of the nation, it is imperative that the value of peer review be recognized and not eroded.

FASEB’s 26 scientific societies and their 100,000 member-scientists are very grateful for your distinguished record of advocacy on behalf of NSF and your steadfast support for the basic research community. We look forward to continuing to work with you, and please let us know if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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