FASEB SPEAKS OUT IN SUPPORT OF PEER REVIEW AND BASIC RESEARCH IN LETTER TO HOUSE SCIENCE COMMITTEE

Bethesda, MD – Yesterday, the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) President Judith Bond, PhD, sent a letter to House Science Committee Chairman Lamar Smith and Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson expressing FASEB’s strong opposition to the proposed “High Quality Research Act.” In the letter, President Bond warns that the High Quality Research Act would threaten the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) mission and therefore this measure, and others like it in future bills, should not be considered.

She further states that the proposed legislation would severely weaken and undermine the NSF peer review system by superimposing a layer of nonscientific review, and would also impose a considerable administrative burden on the agency by requiring the review and certification of each of its awards by the NSF Director.

FASEB is composed of 26 societies with more than 100,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. Our mission is to advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to our member societies and collaborative advocacy.