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## **FASEB PRAISES INCLUSION OF NIH, NSF, DOE SCIENCE FUNDING IN STIMULUS**

*Bethesda, MD* – “We are truly grateful for the support Congress has shown for science in the final economic recovery bill,” said FASEB President Richard Marchase, Ph.D. “FASEB has long made the case that science and technology are drivers of economic progress and this is a clear signal that our elected representatives agree.”

Marchase applauded the funding provided for the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and Department of Energy’s Office of Science and urged Congress to quickly pass the final legislation. “This investment in basic research will distribute critically needed dollars to labs at universities and small businesses across the country that will, in turn, stimulate local economies, retain jobs and foster recurring research breakthroughs for years to come,” he stated. “Our nation owes a great deal to the visionary leadership of Senators Harkin, Specter, and Durbin, in addition to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Chairman David Obey for recognizing the importance of science in securing our economic prosperity.”

However, Marchase cautioned that short term stimulus does not replace the need for sustainable funding for scientific research. “Ultimately, it is our hope that the economic recovery package is the first step forward towards a long-term, sustainable investment in both biomedical and other scientific research,” he said. “Stable and predictable budget growth will expedite the research that will improve the health and quality of life of all Americans.”

*FASEB is composed of 22 societies with more than 80,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. Our mission is to advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to its member societies and collaborative advocacy.*