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**FASEB ISSUES FY2010 FUNDING RECOMMENDATION FOR THE NATIONAL
INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)**

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) has issued its annual funding recommendation for NIH, urging Congress to increase funding for the agency by seven percent in fiscal year 2010. “This is a very crucial time for science in the United States. After years of stagnant funding for research, Congress has recently made significant new investments in NIH. We thank Congress for their faith in the research community and their generosity in providing the resources that are essential for progress in science,” said Richard Marchase, FASEB President.

The seven percent increase recommended by FASEB is an important step toward President Obama’s campaign pledge to double funding for basic research over ten years and is necessary to maintain both the existing and future scientific infrastructure. The discovery process—while it produces tremendous value—often takes a lengthy and unpredictable path. Recent experience has demonstrated how cyclical periods of rapid funding growth followed by periods of stagnation is disruptive to training, to careers, long range projects and ultimately to progress. NIH needs sustainable and predictable budget growth to achieve the full promise of medical research to improve the health and longevity of all Americans.

FASEB’s NIH funding recommendation will serve as the basis for FASEB’s aggressive research advocacy efforts during 2009 which will include meetings with members of Congress and their staff during the organization’s Capitol Hill day in June.

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.