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**FASEB PRESIDENT, JOINED BY ACS, AMS, APS,
TESTIFIES IN SUPPORT OF FY 2010 NSF FUNDING**

Washington, DC – “[The National Science Foundation] is the only federal research agency dedicated to supporting all fields of fundamental science and engineering,” [testified](#) Richard Marchase, Ph.D., President of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), at an outside witness [hearing](#) today before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies.

Marchase spoke in support of FASEB’s FY 2010 funding recommendation of \$7 billion for the National Science Foundation (NSF). This represents an increase of 7.9 % over FY 2009, and is consistent with President Obama’s budget as well as his pledge to double basic science funding over 10 years.

Also appearing before the Subcommittee were Judy Franz, Ph.D., Executive Officer of the American Physical Society (APS), James Glimm, Ph.D., Past President of the American Mathematical Society (AMS) and Madeleine Jacobs, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer of the American Chemical Society (ACS). FASEB worked together with ACS, AMS and APS to develop the funding recommendation and to present a common message of support for NSF. These organizations together represent more than 300,000 scientists, engineers, and mathematicians in a diversity of fields.

Marchase applauded the Subcommittee for its support of NSF in the FY 2009 omnibus as well as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. In addition, Marchase emphasized the importance of NSF research to improving human health and the role of the agency in supporting interdisciplinary research at “the very exciting interface between the physical and biological sciences.”

In closing, Marchase declared, “Since its creation in 1950, NSF support for research projects across the country has fueled innovation, energized the economy, and improved health and quality of life for all Americans. In the years ahead, funding for NSF will allow the agency to enhance support that scientists need to advance discovery, promote transformational, interdisciplinary research projects, and foster innovative approaches to science education and training at all levels.”

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.