

## Member Societies

The American Physiological Society  
 American Society for Biochemistry and  
 Molecular Biology  
 American Society for Pharmacology and  
 Experimental Therapeutics  
 American Society for Investigative  
 Pathology  
 American Society for Nutrition  
 The American Association of  
 Immunologists  
 American Association of Anatomists  
 The Protein Society  
 Society for Developmental Biology  
 American Peptide Society  
 Association of Biomolecular Resource  
 Facilities  
 The American Society for Bone and  
 Mineral Research  
 American Society for Clinical  
 Investigation  
 Society for the Study of Reproduction  
 Teratology Society  
 The Endocrine Society  
 The American Society of Human  
 Genetics  
 Society for Gynecologic Investigation  
 Environmental Mutagen Society  
 International Society for  
 Computational Biology  
 American College of Sports Medicine  
 Biomedical Engineering Society

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Dear

I strongly urge you to oppose the removal of funding for the National Science Foundation (NSF) proposed in the Nelson-Collins amendment to the economic recovery bill, on behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), our 22 member societies, and the more than 80,000 scientists they represent. Additional funding for NSF will provide an immediate short-term boost to the economy through support for research and infrastructure projects across the nation. It will also contribute to the long-term economic prosperity of the U.S. by enhancing our capacity for scientific discovery and technological innovation.

Scientific research is essential to our nation's economy, and NSF has been a significant force in sustaining U.S. leadership in science and engineering. Each year, the agency funds more than 200,000 scientists, teachers, and student researchers across the country and provides essential support for the large-scale instrumentation and facilities needed to carry out cutting edge science and engineering projects. These investments fuel innovation, energize the economy, and improve the quality of life for all Americans.

Recognizing the important role NSF plays in maintaining U.S. economic competitiveness, the 2007 *America COMPETES* act authorized a doubling of the agency's budget by 2015. However, the vision of this legislation—along with that of previous efforts to double NSF's budget—has not been fulfilled. Inadequate investment has prevented NSF from funding meritorious research projects, contributed to the decline of our research infrastructure, and put our nation's most promising scientists and engineers at risk. Additional funds will help to reverse this trend.

We respectfully ask you to support the inclusion of funding for NSF in the economic recovery package and help to ensure that America maintains its status as the world's leader in science and engineering.

Sincerely,



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