

## Member Societies

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 Molecular Biology  
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 Experimental Therapeutics  
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 Facilities  
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 Computational Biology  
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 Biomedical Engineering Society

February 3, 2009

The Honorable [first name] [last name]  
 United States Senate  
 Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the 80,000 biomedical and life sciences researchers and the twenty two societies represented by the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), we urge you not only to support the significant investment in science and research that is included in S 336, the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan* but also to vote in favor of the Specter amendment to include \$10 billion for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The economic recovery legislation approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee demonstrates Congress' commitment to investing in science and medical research and we look forward to working with you to pass this bill.

The inclusion of additional funding for NIH, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Veterans Affairs medical research programs included in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan* is a sound investment in the nation's research infrastructure, will produce jobs and business activities that are an integral part of the plan for economic recovery and will serve as the foundation for recurring research breakthroughs for years to come. However, it is essential that this important capacity building effort be the first step in a long-term national commitment to stabilize medical research funding. Recent experience has demonstrated the problems caused by cyclical periods of rapid funding growth followed by periods of stagnation. NIH needs sustainable and predictable budget growth to achieve the full promise of medical research to improve the health and longevity of all Americans.

Once again, we urge you to support the Specter amendment to include \$10 billion for NIH in the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan*. The federal commitment to biomedical research is profoundly transforming medical practice, preventing disease, and creating better therapies but additional resources are needed to pursue the historic level of scientific opportunity that is available today.

Sincerely,



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