



# Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology

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The Honorable Mary Landrieu  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20050  
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Dear Senator Landrieu:

On behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), representing 21 scientific societies with more than 80,000 members, I am writing to request that you support the Senate proposal for higher NIH funding during conference deliberations on H.R. 3043, the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008.

Supporting the Senate proposal for NIH of \$29.9 billion in FY2008 will prevent the continued deterioration in NIH's purchasing power, which is compromising our quest for cures of diseases that continue to plague humankind. In fact, since 2003, NIH's budget (in inflation-adjusted dollars) has declined by more than ten percent. The \$799 million increase, or 2.8% increase, that is included in the Senate bill will support scientific breakthroughs and discoveries that promise to improve the health and quality of life of millions of people.

We appreciate your enthusiastic and consistent support for NIH and encourage you to adopt the Senate recommended funding level for NIH during the impending conference negotiations.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Palazzo, Ph.D.  
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