May 23, 2008

Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), I wish to thank you for your affirmative vote in support of supplemental appropriations for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Science Foundation (NSF). FASEB, our 21 member societies, and their more than 80,000 research scientists, know firsthand how these agencies play a vital role in improving the health and quality of life for all people, as well as fostering the technological innovation that drives our nation’s progress.

These additional funds will offer hope to millions of patients who look to NIH for the breakthrough discoveries that lead to treatments and cures for deadly and debilitating diseases. Furthermore, NSF will be able to continue advancing science to solve the most pressing needs of our country and to ensure our future prosperity. This legislation is a critical step in our recovery from the trend in declining research funds.

Scientists in every state deeply appreciate your vote in support of science and the cutting-edge, life saving research funded by NIH and NSF.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Palazzo, Ph.D.
FASEB President

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