



August 26, 2025

The Honorable Katie Britt  
416 Russell Senate Office Building  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Britt,

On behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), which represents over 110,000 biological researchers, I want to express our sincere gratitude for your exceptional leadership in calling on the Office of Management and Budget to immediately disburse Fiscal Year 2025 funding for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Your [July 24 letter](#), joined by 13 of your Senate colleagues, is a powerful reaffirmation that medical research must remain a national priority—rooted in bipartisan support, scientific excellence, and the urgent needs of patients and families.

This advocacy comes at a pivotal moment. The abrupt pause in NIH grant funding that was announced on July 29, though quickly reversed, highlighted the instability that has increasingly disrupted the biomedical research enterprise. Delays in grant reviews and disbursements, disruptions to clinical trials, and uncertainty across research institutions threaten to slow progress at a time of extraordinary scientific opportunity. As you so clearly recognize, these are not routine administrative challenges, they are decisions with life-or-death consequences for patients and their families. Your visit with NIH Director Dr. Jay Bhattacharya during the August recess at the University of Alabama at Birmingham to discuss the future of medical research demonstrates how committed you are to continue life-changing research that focuses on cures.

FASEB is particularly grateful for your commitment to ensuring that NIH remains the gold standard of research and innovation. By urging the timely release of appropriated funds, you and your colleagues have sent a strong message that our nation must continue to invest in science that saves lives and sustains American leadership in biomedical discovery.

As Congress considers finalizing the FY2026 Labor-HHS-Education spending bill, we hope lawmakers will build on your leadership by providing robust, predictable, and sustained funding for the NIH. Such support is essential to advancing lifesaving research, strengthening our nation's scientific capacity, and delivering new treatments to patients who urgently need them.



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Thank you again for standing with the research community and the scientists we serve. We deeply value your partnership in ensuring that the United States continues to lead the world in scientific discovery and innovation.

With appreciation,

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FASEB President