



FASEB Statement in Response to FY 2026 Senate NIH Funding Bill

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The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), a coalition of 22 biological and biomedical societies representing 110,000 individual scientists, is grateful to the Senate Appropriations Committee for providing a \$400 million increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) especially in such a constrained fiscal environment. This additional investment in biomedical research was included in the bipartisan fiscal year (FY) 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education (LHHS) appropriations bill [approved](#) by the committee on July 31. FASEB is relieved the Senate Appropriations Committee strongly opposed the administration's request to cut FY 2026 funding for NIH by \$18 billion (40 percent).

In March, more than 50 advocates representing 22 FASEB societies and 29 states [went](#) to Capitol Hill and asked Congress to increase funding for NIH to support cutting-edge research, train the next generation of scientists, and enable discoveries to improve and protect the nation's health. The in-person advocacy was followed by members of the research community contacting their Senators through email and social media sharing our [Federal Funding Factsheets](#) detailing the direct financial impacts of NIH funding in their state and urging them to give full consideration to FASEB's request.

FASEB greatly appreciates the leadership of Senators Susan Collins and Shelley Moore Capito for listening to the research community and working in a bipartisan manner with their colleagues on the Appropriations Committee to continue their commitment to NIH. The federation also thanks the committee for working together to reject the administration's harmful proposals to reorganize the structure of the agency and impose a strict cap on facilities and administration costs. The FY 2026 LHHS appropriations bill recognizes that increasing the investment in biomedical and biological research is the optimal path forward to ensuring the United States remains a world leader in research. While the LHHS appropriations bill must still be approved by the full Senate, as well as the House, before it can be enacted into law, we are encouraged by Senates initial committee actions and stand ready to assist in any way to continue this momentum.

FASEB thanks all of the advocates who previously contacted their Senators and issued an [e-action alert](#) encouraging members of the scientific community and the public to show appreciation to the Appropriations Committee for their efforts to continue investing in the NIH. The alert also urges all senators to vote in favor of the LHHS bill when it is presented to the full Senate for a vote.