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RE: OMB Number 3145-NEW, Notification Requirements Regarding Sexual Harassment, Other Forms of Harassment, or Sexual Assault

Dear Ms. Plimpton,

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) commends the National Science Foundation's (NSF's) leadership in the implementation of policies and procedures to ensure that research environments are free from harassment. FASEB was honored to contribute to the refinement of the grant term and condition introduced earlier this year, and we support the updates integrated in the final term released on September 21, 2018.

The proposed information collection associated with this new term of award is critical for its proper enforcement. The requested information as described in [FR Doc. 2018-20836](#) published in the *Federal Register* on September 25, 2018 mirrors information that should already be collected by research institutions when investigating potential violations of awardee policies or codes of conduct, statutes, regulations, or executive orders relating to sexual harassment, other forms of harassment, or sexual assault. Requesting submission of this information to the NSF Office of Diversity and Inclusion within 10 business days of the final finding or determination is reasonable, and should not add significant burden to institution staff. FASEB appreciates NSF's consideration of administrative workload in the implementation of this new term, and applauds the efforts of the NSF Office of Diversity and Inclusion to develop and provide resources to ensure proper reporting of investigation outcomes.

Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring non-hostile research environments.

Sincerely,

James M. Musser, MD, PhD
FASEB President