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## **FASEB Statement on the FY 2020 House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill**

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology expresses its profound gratitude to the House Committee on Appropriations for its continued bipartisan commitment to biomedical research funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The proposed fiscal year (FY) 2020 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies spending bill includes a \$2 billion increase for NIH, continuing the trajectory of sustained, predictable growth for the agency that will accelerate progress in all areas of biomedical science, leading to new therapies, cures, and better health for our nation and the world.

“This is a tremendous and critical step in the appropriations process,” said FASEB President James M. Musser, MD, PhD. “We sincerely thank the Chair of the House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative Rosa DeLauro, for her leadership to support a significant funding boost for biomedical research. We look forward to working with Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole to ensure that NIH receives the proposed \$2 billion increase. To that end, we urge Congress to swiftly reach a bipartisan, bicameral agreement to raise the discretionary spending caps in order to provide the necessary resources for these vital scientific programs.”

Although the NIH budget has grown in recent years, it is still approximately 9.5 percent below its 2003 peak in inflation-adjusted dollars. If enacted, the committee’s bill will increase funding across all of the NIH Institutes and Centers, providing much-needed new resources to address a vast range of health challenges facing our citizens. Importantly, these additional resources also will help train the next generation of scientists and support early career researchers, who represent the future of our nation’s research enterprise.