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FASEB Statement on the FY 2020 House Commerce, Justice, Science, 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 strong support for scientific research and education funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF). The proposed fiscal year (FY) 2020 Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies spending bill includes a \$561.14 million increase for NSF, a critical funding boost that will help the agency support more groundbreaking research and train the next generation of scientists and engineers.

“This is an extremely important and crucial step in the appropriations process,” said FASEB President James M. Musser, MD, PhD. “We sincerely thank the Chair of the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, Representative José Serrano, for his leadership to support a significant increase for NSF. We look forward to working with Chair Serrano, Ranking Member Aderholt, and other members of the committee to ensure that NSF receives the proposed \$561.14 million 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 funds for these vital scientific programs.”

With its mandate to support fundamental research across all fields of science, engineering, and mathematics, the NSF is the cornerstone of our nation’s scientific enterprise. However, in inflation-adjusted dollars, the NSF budget has remained flat for over a decade. If enacted, the committee’s bill will increase funding for the Research and Related Activities account by nine percent, providing much-needed resources to bolster NSF’s broad, interdisciplinary research portfolio. Additional funding would also be provided for the agency’s education programs, which underwrite the training of thousands of young scientists and engineers. This investment helps to ensure the training of a technical and scientific workforce capable of pursuing research and leading the innovative, dynamic industries of the future.