



The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair, Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives.
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Susan Collins
Chair, Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Patty Murray
Vice Chair, Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
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Dear Chairman Cole, Chairwoman Collins, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Vice Chair Murray:

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), a coalition of 22 biological and biomedical societies representing 110,000 individual scientists, appreciates your efforts to complete work on the fiscal year (FY) 2026 appropriations bills. As federal agencies re-open following the historic government shutdown, FASEB looks forward to working with Congress to finalize spending decisions before the new continuing resolution expires on January 30, 2025.

FASEB is particularly concerned that key spending bills that fund research and development at agencies such as the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Department of Energy Office of Science (DOE SC) still need to be negotiated and adopted. Completing work on these bills will ensure that we do not forfeit any more time in finding new cures, therapies, and innovation in a myriad of fields of scientific endeavors. The NIH advocacy community stands together to fund NIH at least at [\\$47.2 billion](#) in an enacted fiscal year (FY) 2026 Labor, Health and Humans Services, Education and Related Agencies bill.

Additionally, funding NSF at the level of at least \$9.9 billion in FY 2026 will restore the agency to its FY 2023 level and is crucial to maintaining U.S. leadership in emerging technology areas such as biotechnology, artificial intelligence, and quantum. NSF-funded advances in wearable health monitors, prosthetics with neural interfaces, and high-performance computing for pandemic modeling have directly improved lives while maintaining U.S. leadership in biomedical innovation. NSF also supports the training of the next generation of researchers who are highly sought after by industry. The U.S. is at risk of losing an entire generation of scientists and researchers if we do not provide the environment that can attract and retain them with meaningful obtainable opportunities in America. The administration's push to cut science funding comes at a time when a historic wave of baby boomer retirements from agencies, academia, and industry is taking place. This will have significant implications for the U.S. economy affecting productivity which will only be exacerbated if we cannot keep our scientific ecosystem properly fueled.

FASEB is also a member of the Energy Sciences Coalition, a broad-based coalition of organizations representing scientists, engineers and mathematicians in universities, industry and national laboratories



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who are committed to supporting and advancing the scientific research programs of the U.S. Department of Energy. We urge you to [provide](#) \$9.5 billion for DOE SC in the Energy and Water Development bill. This funding will support the work of 28 world-leading, large scale research facilities used by more than 40,000 researchers from academia, industry and federal agencies and a network of 17 DOE national laboratories, with 10 of them directly stewarded by the Office of Science. This investment will benefit our economy, health, and national security in the face of foreign adversaries seeking to usurp America's global position and leadership in science and technology development.

Our biological and biomedical researchers are counting on your leadership to ensure that the U.S. remains at the forefront of innovation and scientific discovery that advances medical research leading to a healthier U.S. population. We are grateful for your bipartisan commitment to science and want to be supportive in any way we can to ensure our country continues its strong commitment to robust investments in research. FASEB stands ready to be a resource to the appropriations committees and would be pleased to address any questions you may have. Please contact Ellen Kuo, Associate Director, Legislative Affairs at ekuo@faseb.org.

Sincerely,

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FASEB President

Full members: American Physiological Society • American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology • American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics • American Society for Investigative Pathology • The American Association of Immunologists • American Association for Anatomy • Society for Developmental Biology • Association of Biomolecular Resource Facilities • The American Society for Bone and Mineral Research • Society for the Study of Reproduction • Endocrine Society • Genetics Society of America • The Histochemical Society • Society for Glycobiology • Association for Molecular Pathology • Society for Redox Biology and Medicine • Society For Experimental Biology and Medicine • American Aging Association • Society for Leukocyte Biology • American Federation for Medical Research • Shock Society • American Society of Human Genetics