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FASEB Statement on the White House Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request

As representatives of the scientific community, the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) is seriously alarmed upon reviewing the detailed fiscal year (FY) 2020 budget request released by the White House on March 18. Under the proposal, the budget for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) would fall by nearly \$5 billion, the National Science Foundation (NSF) would see its budget decrease by approximately \$1 billion, and the Department of Energy Office of Science would be forced to absorb a cut of \$1 billion.

“We understand the fiscal constraints imposed by the FY 2020 spending caps but the proposed budgets for NIH and NSF would significantly set back science,” said FASEB President, James M. Musser, MD, PhD. “Continuing improvements in human health, developing new treatments for life-threatening diseases, and maintaining the U.S.’s leadership in research among growing international competitiveness require robust, predictable, and sustained budget increases for science funding agencies,” added Musser.

The funding levels proposed by the administration are woefully inadequate to pursue exciting new areas of science, support the next generation of researchers, and improve the nation’s health. FASEB looks forward to working with Congress to raise the non-defense discretionary spending cap and develop a common sense budget that continues the bipartisan commitment to investing in biomedical and biological research.