

ASBMB responds to Congress passing FY17 appropriations

Benjamin Corb, director of public affairs for the ASBMB, provided the following statement in response to Congress passing FY17 appropriations:

We are thankful that Congress fulfilled its commitment to the research community and for the robust funding provided to the National Institutes of Health and sustained funding for the National Science Foundation in the fiscal year 2017 omnibus spending package.

Leaders in both the House and the Senate came together in a bipartisan manner to support the nation's life science research community and are providing a \$2 billion increase for the NIH – the first year-over-year increase of this magnitude in more than a decade.

This level of funding represents the best-case scenario we were hoping for.

The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology thanks Congress for its support and for taking the necessary steps to ensure America remains a global leader in life science research and innovation.

This week's budget agreement will save lives – and Americans from coast-to-coast should be encouraged that a deal like this could be reached.