

## **ASBMB STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS**

The following is a statement from Benjamin Corb, public affairs director for the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology:

“Last night, President Donald Trump took a revisionist look back at his administration’s support for biomedical research that leads to life-saving breakthroughs.

While we appreciate and applaud the president for finally taking time in his State of the Union address to highlight medical breakthroughs (this is only the seventh reference to science in his addresses to Congress), the fact is that the president's words last night did not match his actions in office. The president has proposed cutting the National Institutes of Health’s budget in every single budget request he has issued.

Our community needs real support — the kind of support we’ve seen, on a bipartisan basis, from Congress, which has rejected Trump’s dreadful budget requests. The kind of support that has seen the NIH budget grow by more than \$9 billion in just a few years.

Words are only words. And if we are to believe Trump is sincere, we now expect to see a robust investment strategy in his upcoming budget request.”