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Physicians and Surgeons

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and Biomedical Sciences,  
the University at Buffalo

New York Institute of  
Technology College of  
Osteopathic Medicine

New York Medical College

NYU Long Island School of  
Medicine

NYU Robert I. Grossman  
School of Medicine

Renaissance School of  
Medicine at Stony Brook  
University

School of Medicine and  
Dentistry at the University  
of Rochester Medical  
Center

SUNY Downstate Health  
Sciences University

SUNY Upstate  
Medical University

Touro College of  
Osteopathic Medicine

Weill Cornell  
Medicine

Zucker School of Medicine  
at Hofstra/Northwell

March 23, 2021

The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Johnson and Lucas,

On behalf of the Associated Medical Schools of New York (AMSNY), I would like to thank you for introducing H.R. 144, the Supporting Early-Career Researchers Act of 2021, and offer our support to ensure passage of this critical legislation. This legislation would authorize the National Science Foundation to start a two-year pilot program to fund highly qualified early-career scientists at institutions of higher education.

AMSNY is the consortium of New York State’s 17 medical schools which are a critical component of the biomedical and research infrastructure in New York State. One component of the tripart mission of academic medicine is to engage in scientific research, which the medical schools support wholly. In addition to the medical schools, AMSNY partners with many of the major research institutions in New York State in advocating for increased funding and to support diversifying the research community. In 2020, New York State institutions received \$574 million in NSF funding – supporting both STEM education and scientific research.<sup>1</sup> This funding promotes both knowledge discovery, pipeline development and economic development in our state.

We applaud the introduction of this language, particularly with the additions of the amendments by Representatives Jamaal Bowman and Gwen Moore, which require the NSF to include outreach to researchers from historically underrepresented backgrounds and to report on the racial, ethnic and gender of the participants.

For these reasons, AMSNY supports passage of H.R. 144, the Supporting Early-Career Researchers Act of 2021, and we look forward to working to ensure passage and enactment of this legislation. Thank you again for your strong support on these issues and we look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at [jowiederhorn@amsny.org](mailto:jowiederhorn@amsny.org).

Sincerely,

Jo Wiederhorn  
President & CEO, AMSNY

<sup>1</sup> <https://faseb.org/Viewer/type/statefactsheet/id/594/nocache/637192541959748928?Name=The-Impact-of-NSF-Funding-in-New-York.pdf>