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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson  
Chairwoman  
House Committee on Science, Space, and  
Technology  
2321 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Frank Lucas  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Science, Space, and  
Technology  
2321 Rayburn House Office Building  
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Dear Chairwoman Johnson and Ranking Member Lucas:

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) is pleased to endorse the “Combating Sexual Harassment in Science Act of 2019” (HR 36) and congratulates you for introducing this important bipartisan bill. We were especially pleased to see that the bill authorizes funding for research grants to better understand factors contributing to sexual harassment and to collect additional data on the prevalence and implications of sexual harassment in the scientific community.

In addition, HR 36 supports efforts to address sexual harassment implemented by the National Science Foundation (NSF) last year. Recently, [FASEB commended](#) NSF’s leadership for taking concrete steps to develop guidelines and procedures to ensure that research environments are free from harassment. FASEB was honored to contribute to the refinement of NSF’s grant term and condition policies that were released on September 21, 2018.

FASEB’s Board of Directors also adopted [a statement](#) condemning discriminatory behavior, sexual or verbal harassment, intimidation or other assault during FASEB-sponsored or managed events, or among staff, volunteers, or other attendees. The statement built upon existing participant codes of conduct and anti-harassment policies for FASEB-sponsored events including conferences and meetings. Many of FASEB’s 29 member societies have issued similar codes of conduct and anti-harassment statements.

We look forward to working with you and the House Science Committee to build more support for HR 36 and enact this critical bill into law in the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress.

Sincerely,

James M. Musser, MD, PhD  
President

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