



## American Society for Investigative Pathology

*Investigating the Pathogenesis of Disease*

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The American Society for Investigative Pathology joins the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology and The Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research in expressing our profound concern over the drastic cuts proposed in President Trump's fiscal year 2018 budget. The proposed reduction to NIH of \$7.16 billion, a 21% cut, would decrease funding for scientific research to below the 2003 level. This dangerous budget proposal directly contradicts strong bipartisan support in FY2017 for a \$2 billion increase to National Institutes of Health funding over FY2016. Equally concerning are the deep cuts to the National Science Foundation (11% reduction), the Department of Energy Office of Science (17% reduction) and VA Research (5% reduction) budgets.

"Cuts such as those proposed in President Trump's budget blueprint fundamentally undermine the critical ongoing contributions that federally-funded biomedical research make to our nation's health, with detrimental implications for jobs, the economy, national defense and international competitiveness," says ASIP President, Dr. George Michalopoulos.

ASIP continues to stand with leading scientific organizations in denouncing the proposed budget. ASIP urges interested parties to work with congressional leaders to craft a federal budget that reflects continued and unwavering bipartisan support for biomedical research. As part of its ongoing support for research, many ASIP members joined a petition in support of core principles including strong funding of basic research. One-hundred eighty (180) leading pathology researchers joined ASIP in affirming the following core principles:

1. Federally funded basic research has made and continues to make important contributions to our nations' health, economy and defense.
2. Scientific research should be ethical, transparent, and conducted with intellectual rigor.
3. Open discussion of scientific methods and scientific findings should be encouraged, both among scientists and with the broader public.
4. Science is a global effort that crosses national borders.

ASIP continues to focus on the need for a federal budget that supports medical breakthroughs, continued American leadership in scientific research and an ongoing recognition of the vital contributions made by our nation's researchers. To further explore advocacy opportunities, please access resources provided by ASIP and FASEB [HERE](#).

**About the American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP)**

ASIP is a society of biomedical scientists who investigate mechanisms of disease. Investigative pathology is an integrative discipline that links the presentation of disease in the whole organism to its fundamental cellular and molecular mechanisms. ASIP advocates for the practice of investigative pathology and fosters the professional career development and education of its members. [www.asip.org](http://www.asip.org)