

ASBMB STATEMENT RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S COMMENTS ON NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH FUNDING

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The following is a response from Benjamin Corb, public affairs director for the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, responding to President Donald Trump's criticism of the National Institutes of Health's funding decisions.

"While the president is using valuable time and resources calling for an investigation of NIH funding based on nameless complaints, NIH researchers will continue investigating diseases that cost millions of American lives. They will continue developing treatments, therapies and cures to improve the life of Americans — as they have for as long as biomedical research has existed.

The NIH is the global gold standard for medical research and has been an honest and respectful steward of the American taxpayers' funds. The record of Nobel Prize winners is full of NIH-funded researchers. Journals are full of research findings published by NIH-funded investigators. And homes are full sons, daughters, parents and siblings alive today because of breakthroughs uncovered through NIH-funded research.

The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology will continue to do its part to support the nation's public health infrastructure, and we look forward to the opportunity to educate the president and his administration on the amazing work done by federally supported researchers."