

ASBMB STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021

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

“Today’s budget request from the White House is just another in a series of proposals to cut federal support for the scientific research and innovation -- funding that enables the discoveries and advances that keep Americans safe and healthy and keep the nation in a position of global leadership.

By requesting \$42 billion in cuts to nondefense spending, this proposal rejects Congress' bipartisan budget agreement for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, which President Donald Trump himself signed into law last year.

Just days after Trump delivered his State of the Union address, in which he credited his administration for enabling medical breakthroughs, the president proposed cuts to the National Institutes of Health, the very agency that helped to make those breakthroughs happen.

We call on Congress to reject these proposed cuts, and we look forward to working with Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill to continue to increase investments in science and research.”