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Notice to Request Renewal of the Survey of Earn Doctorates (OMB No.: 3145-0019)

Dear Ms. Plimpton,

In response to the Notice to Request Renewal of the Survey of Earn Doctorates (OMB No.: 3145-0019) published in the *Federal Register* on September 16, 2016, I am writing in support of renewing the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED). The SED serves as a critical source of information about individuals who have attained doctoral degrees from U.S. institutions. For over 20 years, my colleagues and I at the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) have used this survey for a variety of reports and analyses of the biological research workforce and to support the development of our organization's positions pertaining to the education and training of biological researchers. Data from the survey are incorporated into FASEB's compilation of information about the education and employment of biological and medical scientists, information that is publicly available and frequently accessed on FASEB's website. I have also used the survey data in the following publications:

H. Garrison, L. Justement, and S. Gerbi. "Biomedical science postdocs: an end to the era of expansion." *FASEB Journal* 30 (January) 2016.

H. Garrison, A. Stith, and S. Gerbi. "Foreign postdocs: The changing face of biomedical science in the U.S." *FASEB Journal 19* (December) 2005.

H. Garrison, S. Gerbi, and P. Kincade. "In an era of scientific opportunity, are there opportunities for biomedical scientists?" *FASEB Journal 17* (December) 2003.

Releasing the survey data in a more timely and predictable manner would enhance the utility of this resource.

Sincerely,

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