



## Report on 2014 FASEB Capitol Hill Day

### By the Numbers:

<b>Number of Participants</b>	45
<b>Number of States Represented</b>	21 (+ Puerto Rico)
<b>Number of FASEB Societies Represented *</b>	18
<b>Number of FASEB Board Members Participating</b>	16
<b>Number of FASEB SPC Members Participating</b>	10
<b>Number of Senate Meetings</b>	40
<b>Number of House Meetings</b>	49
<b>Number of Meetings w/ Senator or Representative</b>	9

*\*The following societies were not represented: ABRF, AMP, ASBMR, ASCI, ASIP, GSA, Peptide, SPR*

### Purpose of the Meetings

Participants shared [FASEB's Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2015 Funding Report](#) and discussed the federation's recommended appropriation for the following agencies:

- NIH: \$32 billion
- NSF: \$7.6 billion

All House offices Capitol Hill Day participants met with were urged to sign on to a "Dear Colleague" letter sponsored by Representatives David McKinley (R-WV), Peter King (R-NY), Andre Carson (D-IN), and Susan Davis (D-CA) asking the Appropriations Committee to increase funding for NIH to \$32 billion for NIH in FY 2015. Several Senate offices asked if there would be a companion letter to the Senate Appropriations Committee and expressed interest in signing on to a statement supporting increased funding for NIH. Capitol Hill Day participants also asked the House and Senate offices to submit "programmatic requests" to the Appropriations Committees on behalf of \$32 billion for NIH and \$7.6 billion for NSF. Data on which members of Congress submitted programmatic requests will not be available for several months.

Capitol Hill day participants stressed the role of stable, sustainable funding and real growth in appropriated amounts to maintain a healthy research enterprise. The researchers spoke about the impact of NIH in their home states and to their own research and discussed scientific frontiers that can only be pursued with federal support.

### Outcomes of the Congressional Meetings

Although it is hard to quantify the long-term impact of the meetings with House and Senate offices that were held during the 2014 FASEB Capitol Hill Day, the following data is available:

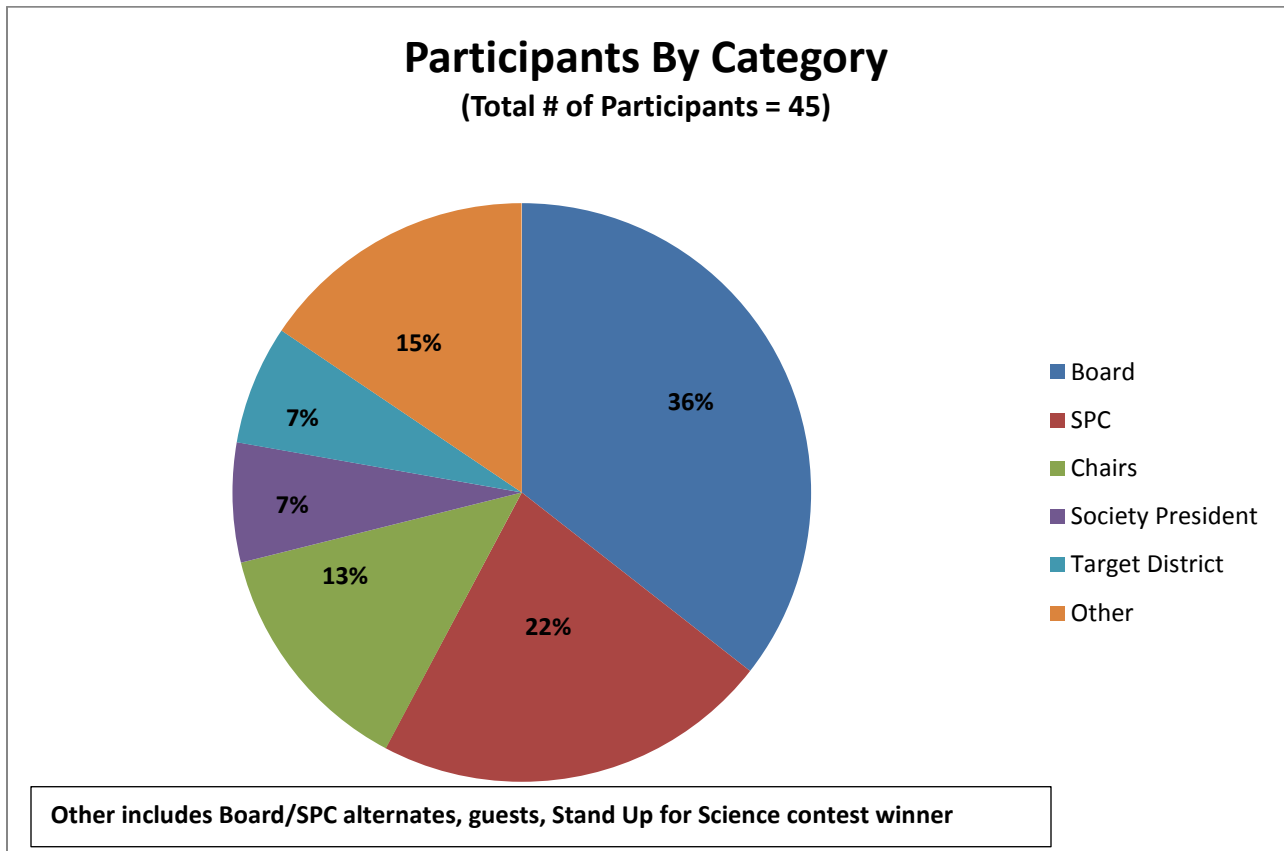
- 38/89 offices (43 percent) expressed support for the \$32 billion request for NIH
- 29/89 offices (33 percent) expressed support for the \$7.6 billion request for NSF
- 21/49 (43 percent) of the House offices agreed to sign the NIH “Dear Colleague” letter (*list on page 6*)

**Summary**

The majority of participants reported a much more positive tone this year compared to the meetings they had last year or in the previous two years. All offices expressed their support for NIH’s mission and the contributions of the research community. Several House and Senate offices, including some of the more conservative members, thanked FASEB for the data driven funding recommendations. The only real pushback from congressional offices related to the growth in mandatory spending. Participants also reported that the international comparison charts in the FASEB Federal Funding Report were particularly compelling as another part of the story. Finally, many congressional offices were receptive to the issue of the impact of the budget situation on trainees and the next generation of researchers.

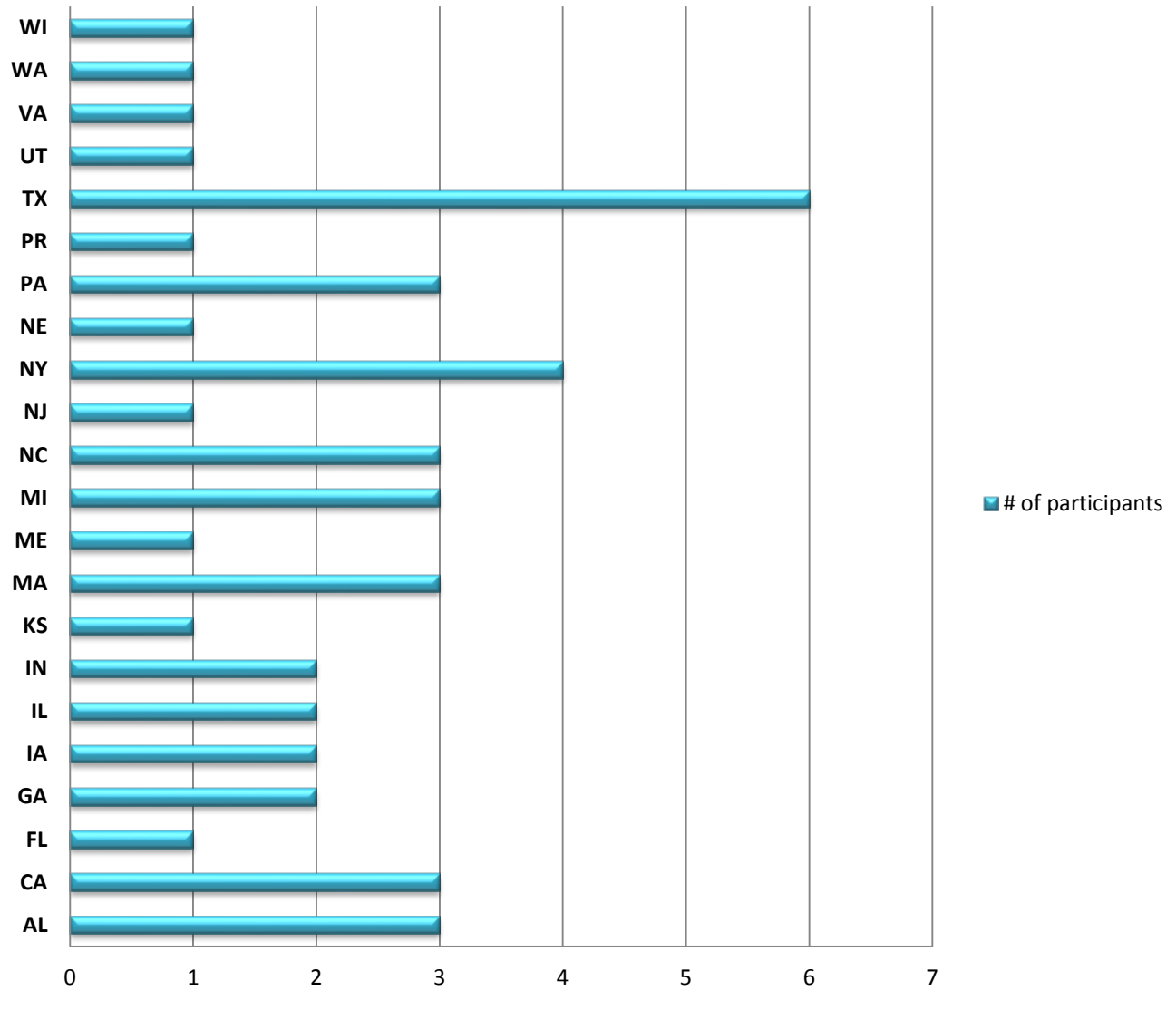
**Additional Data**

The charts below provide additional data about the participants in the 2014 FASEB Capitol Hill Day and the meetings with congressional offices.



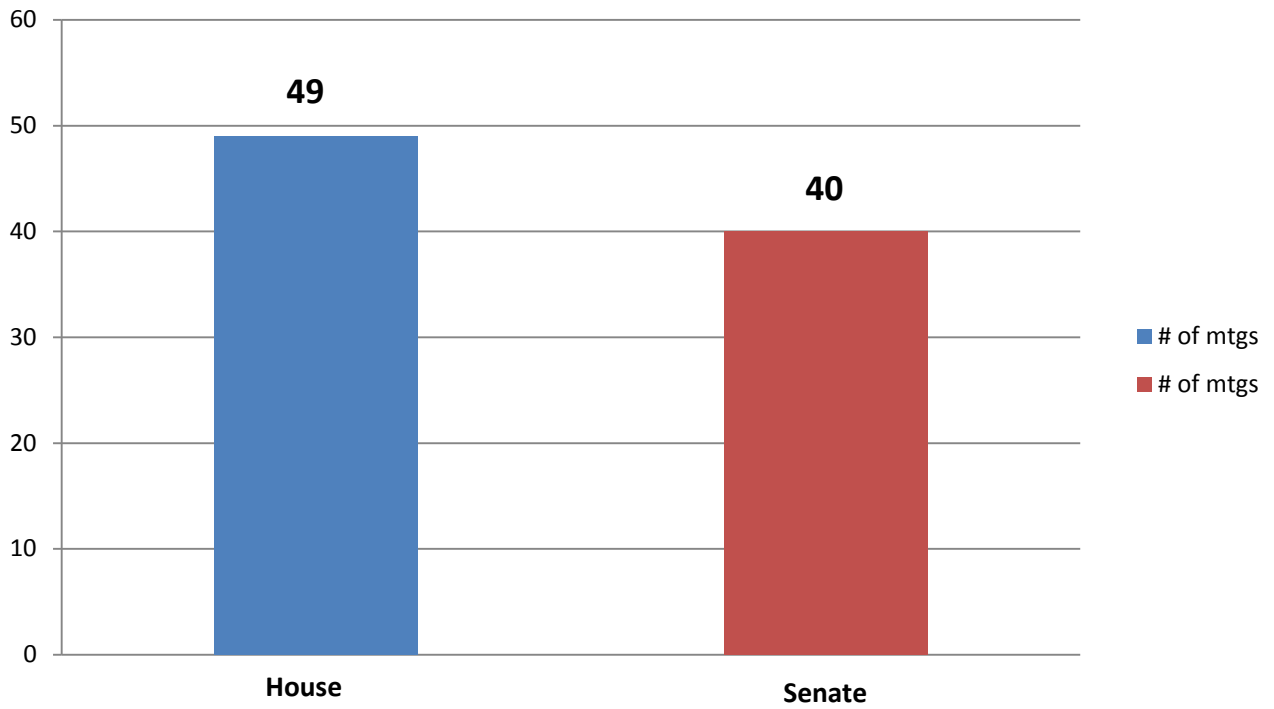
## Participant Breakdown By State

(Total # of Participants = 45)



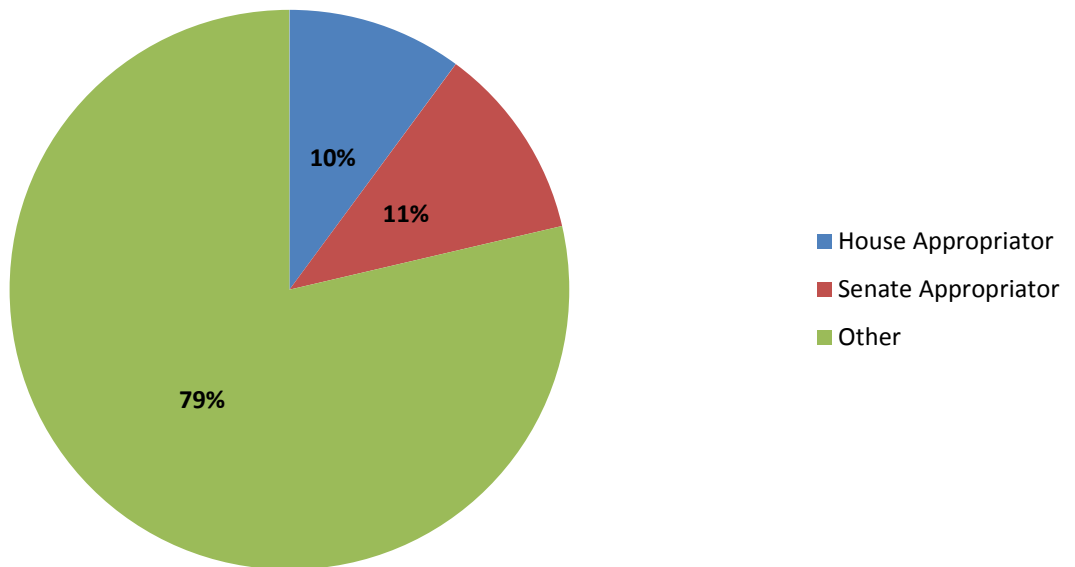
## Breakdown of Congressional Meetings

(Total # of Meetings = 89)

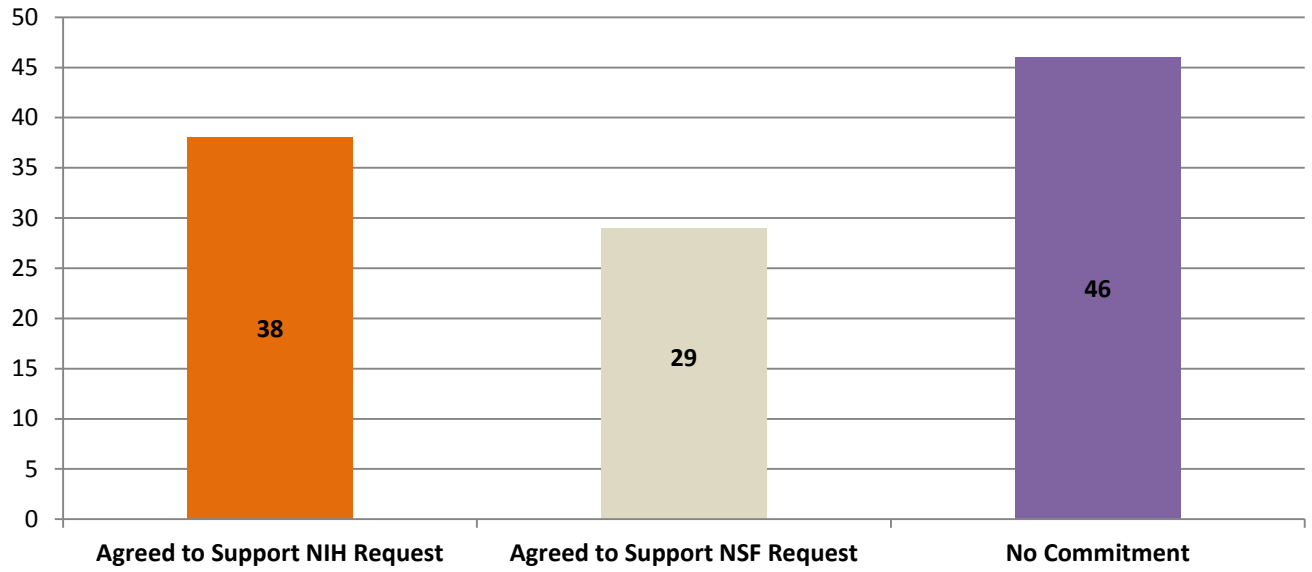


## Congressional Meetings By Category

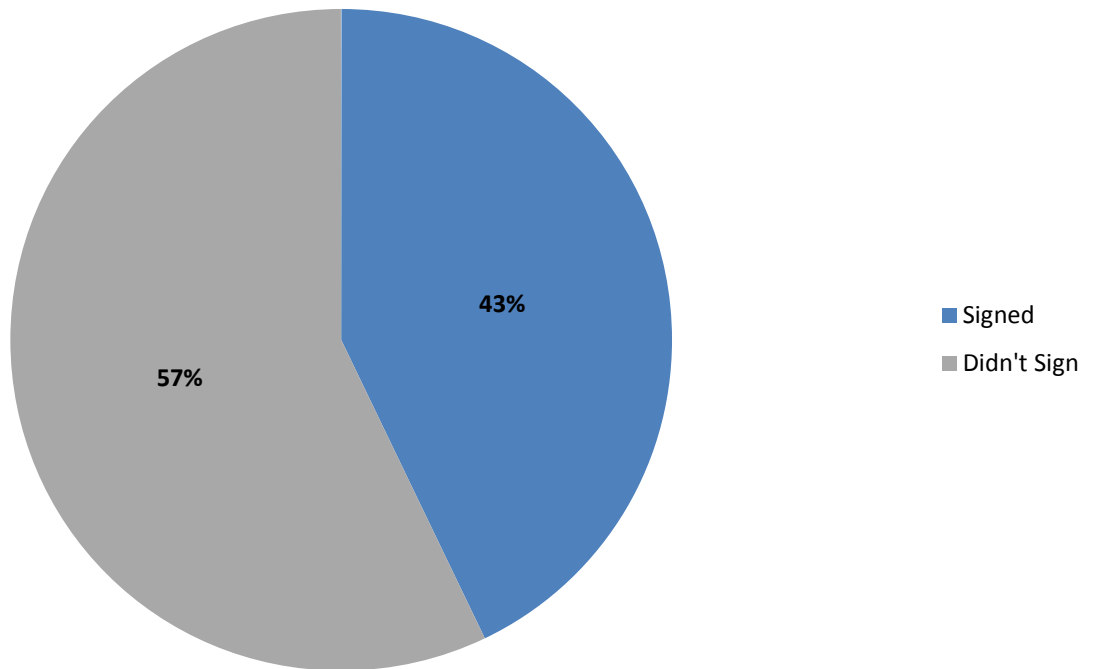
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## Outcome of Congressional Meetings (Of the 89 House & Senate Offices Visited)



## House Letter Supporting \$32 Billion for NIH (Of the 49 House Offices Visited)



<b>Signers of “Dear Colleague” Letter Supporting \$32 Billion for NIH (Visited During FASEB Capitol Hill Day)</b>	
Rep. G.K Butterfield	D-NC-01
Rep. Andre Carson	D-IN-07
Rep. Cathy Castor	D-FL-14
Rep. Suzan DelBene	D-WA-01
Rep. John Dingell	D-MI-12
Rep. Chaka Fattah	D-PA-02
Rep. Al Green	D-TX-09
Rep. Duncan Hunter	R-CA-50
Rep. Joseph Kennedy, III	D-MA-04
Rep. Rick Larsen	D-WA-02
Rep. Dave Loebsack	D-IA-02
Rep. Scott Peters	D-CA-52
Rep. Pedro Pierluisi	D-PR
Rep. Chellie Pingree	D-ME-01
Rep. Mark Pocan	D-WI-02
Rep. David Price	D-NC-04
Rep. Charles Rangel	D-NY-13
Rep. Janice Schakowsky	D-IL-09
Rep. Brad Schneider	D-IL-10
Rep. Adam Smith	D-WA-09
Rep. John Tierney	D-MA-06