

ASBMB Statement on HEROES Act

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

“The HEROES Act is an important piece of legislation that provides necessary support for the nation’s research enterprise and recognizes the importance of all biomedical research, related to the pandemic and not.

The HEROES Act provides \$3 billion to the National Institutes of Health to support individual investigators at the Bethesda, Maryland, campus and at academic institutions across the country whose research has been impacted by our response to the pandemic crisis.

As the ASBMB explained to members of Congress in early April, the individual investigator funded through the NIH is like the small business owner of the research enterprise. As the pandemic spread and universities shut down, research laboratories were forced into a hibernation mode, slowing research advancements not only on the novel coronavirus but also on the entire spectrum of diseases that affect millions of Americans' health and well-being.

This important funding will allow NIH funded investigators to develop their reopening plans and provide a much-needed injection of funds to researchers and their teams impacted adversely by the pandemic.

We strongly encourage swift bipartisan passage of this important legislation to support science.”