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ASN Statement on President's Fiscal Year 2014 Budget

April 11, 2013—The American Society for Nutrition (ASN) applauds the President's proposal to increase funding for federal agencies and programs which support nutrition research, food safety, and food assistance and nutrition education programs. ASN offers strong support for the President's proposed increase in fiscal year (FY) 2014 funding for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) under the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute for Food and Agriculture.

The President's proposed FY 2014 budget provides \$383 million for competitive peer-reviewed research grants through AFRI, a \$119 million increase above the 2012 enacted level. Increased funding for AFRI will lead to research in target areas that are key to American scientific leadership, including human nutrition and obesity. The USDA budget also increases funding for in-house research by \$148 million, for areas including childhood obesity, sustainable agriculture, and food safety.

The President's FY 2014 budget for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is \$31.3 billion, an increase of \$350 million over the 2012 enacted level, to support biomedical research. The budget notes that advances in health care tomorrow are dependent on today's investments in basic research. The President's FY 2014 budget includes \$181.475 million for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), an increase that can be used to support nutrition monitoring.

"ASN commends the Administration for their continued focus on advancing science, research, and innovation in the U.S. The proposed investments in nutrition research will improve the health of all populations in the future." said ASN President Teresa Davis, PhD. "We urge Congress to support funding increases for the federal agencies and programs that further nutrition research."

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