



# Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology

— *Quality Life Through Research* —

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The Honorable James M. Inhofe  
Chair, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Inhofe:

I wish to express my wholehearted thanks on behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) for holding a hearing to draw attention to the harmful effects of animal rights extremism. As an Oklahoma resident, I am delighted to see your leadership on this critical issue, and I, together with the 22 scientific societies and more than 65,000 researchers of FASEB, am grateful for your support.

The use of animal models in biomedical research is absolutely essential to our ability to advance towards treatments and cures for those suffering from debilitating diseases. Progress in treatments for diabetes, heart disease, cancer, HIV / AIDS and Parkinson's disease would not have been possible without the humane use of animals. Moreover, animal research directly benefits animals themselves: the majority of veterinary advances are a direct result of research involving animal models.

The recent escalation in violence and intimidation campaigns directed towards researchers and their institutions is of great concern to our members. We applaud your efforts to curtail this dangerous fringe element of activism. FASEB sincerely hopes that Congress will do everything in its power to provide law enforcement agencies with the tools necessary to protect scientists, research institutions and third-party associates from becoming victims of these relentless and terrifying campaigns.

Eco-terrorism has become serious impediment to the progress of biomedical research, as well as to the peace of mind of scientists themselves. Biomedical researchers are dedicated to improving the health, well-being and productivity of all people. They should be allowed to do so in safety and security.

Chairman Inhofe, thank you again for highlighting this important issue and if there is any way in which FASEB may be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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