



## 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

The Honorable Thomas E. Petri  
United States House of Representatives  
2462 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Inhofe and Representative Petri:

On behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), which represents 22 scientific societies and more than 84,000 biomedical researchers, I wish to thank you for introduction of S.1926/H.R. 4239, The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act of 2005. FASEB strongly believes that animal rights (AR) extremists have become a serious impediment to the progress of biomedical research, as well as to the peace of mind of scientists themselves. We think it is important to provide the statutory tools necessary to protect those who have been targeted as victims by groups who advocate arson, personal violence, and vandalism as appropriate means to an end.

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

Members of the FASEB societies believe that the use of animals in research and education is a privilege. This imposes a major responsibility to provide for their proper care, ethical and humane treatment. Good animal care and good science go hand-in-hand and is taken most seriously by the scientific community. Furthermore, FASEB feels that it is a responsibility of researchers to communicate to the public about the role and importance of animals in research, a task made difficult due to the dangers posed by members of AR extremist groups.

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. FASEB looks forward to working with you as this legislation develops. If there is any way in which we can further assist your efforts, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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FASEB President

