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FASEB SUPPORTS SENATE INVESTIGATION OF NYSE APPARENT SURRENDER TO ANIMAL RIGHTS EXTREMISTS

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) [praised](#) Sen. James Inhofe (R-OK), Chair of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, for condemning the cancellation of Life Sciences Research Inc.’s listing on the New York Stock Exchange, a move made in apparent response to pressure from animal rights extremists. “It is shameful for the NYSE to seemingly acquiesce to pressure from animal rights groups who advocate arson, personal violence, and vandalism as means to an end,” said FASEB President Bruce R. Bistrrian, MD, PhD. “We thank Sen. Inhofe for investigating the cancelled listing and recognizing the dangerous precedent this sets.”

The escalating violence and harassment campaigns directed towards researchers, their institutions, and, now a worldwide symbol of the most respected capital markets, is of utmost concern to FASEB. “The FBI considers animal rights extremist groups, like ALF and SHAC, to be serious domestic terrorist threats,” Bistrrian continued. “If the NYSE’s decision was influenced by the actions of these extremists, what is to stop them from attacking other legitimate businesses?” The use of animal models in biomedical research is essential to the ability to develop treatments and cures for those suffering from debilitating diseases. Animal rights extremists are a serious impediment to biomedical research, and FASEB fears these groups will only become more violent and far-reaching in their efforts. “We cannot let this action go unnoticed,” said Bistrrian. “In order for medical research to continue to benefit those in need, we must not concede to these intimidation campaigns.”

FASEB has consistently supported Sen. Inhofe’s leadership in opposing animal rights extremists. In May, the Federation [expressed its gratitude](#) to Inhofe for holding a hearing to address the growing problem of eco-terrorism.

FASEB is composed of 23 societies with more than 65,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB’s mission is to enhance the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. FASEB serves the interests of these scientists in those areas related to public policy, facilitates coalition activities among Member Societies and disseminates information on biological research through scientific conferences and publications.