Letters sent to all Members of Senate Judiciary Committee

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The Honorable Senator
U.S. Senate
Senate Judiciary Committee
Washington, DC

Dear Senator:

I would like to thank you, on behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), representing 21 scientific societies comprising more than 80,000 biomedical researchers and clinicians, for passing S. 3880, the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA). As you know, this legislation will amend the Animal Enterprise Protection Act (Title 18, Sec. 43 of the US Criminal Code), provide greater protections against intimidation and harassment of researchers and their families, and, for the first time, address campaigns of secondary and tertiary targeting that cause economic damage to research enterprises.

FASEB strongly believes that animal rights (AR) extremists have become a serious impediment to the progress of biomedical research, as well as to the safety of scientists themselves. This legislation will provide law enforcement with the tools to effectively prosecute AR extremists who have employed illegal actions against medical researchers and companies doing business with academic and commercial biomedical enterprises.

Our scientists look forward to continuing their mission to improve the quality of life through research, knowing that we do so under the auspices of this momentous legislation. Thank you for supporting a safe research environment where we can continue to improve the health of all people.

Sincerely,

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FASEB President

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