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H. R. 1085

To amend the Public Health Service Act to prohibit the National Institutes of Health from awarding any support for an activity or program that uses live animals in research unless the research occurs in the United States, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Mr. NEHLS (for himself, Ms. TITUS, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. KIM, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. GOODEN, and Mr. MACKENZIE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Cease Animal Research
5 Grants Overseas Act of 2025” or the “CARGO Act of
6 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) From fiscal year 2011 through fiscal year
4 2021, the National Institutes of Health provided ap-
5 proximately \$2.2 billion to foreign organizations for
6 research projects involving animals.

7 (2) The National Institutes of Health does not
8 conduct inspections of foreign organizations, and
9 these organizations self-report information per-
10 taining to animal welfare, creating a risk that infor-
11 mation will be misrepresented.

12 (3) This lack of oversight has resulted in the
13 mistreatment of animals used in research projects
14 performed outside the United States and funded by
15 the American public.

16 **SEC. 3. NO NIH SUPPORT FOR USE OF LIVE ANIMALS IN RE-**
17 **SEARCH BY PERSONS OUTSIDE OF THE**
18 **UNITED STATES.**

19 Section 495 of the Public Health Service Act (42
20 U.S.C. 289d) is amended—

21 (1) in subsections (a)(3) and (c)(1)(A), by
22 striking “subsection (b)” each place it appears and
23 inserting “subsection (c)”;

24 (2) in subsection (b)(1) by striking “subsection
25 (a)(3)” and inserting “subsection (b)(3)”;

1 (3) in subsections (b)(1), (b)(3)(A), (b)(3)(C),
2 (c)(1)(A), and (d)(1), by striking “subsection (a)”
3 each place it appears and inserting “subsection (b)”;
4 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “subsections
5 (a) or (c)” and inserting “subsection (b) or (d)”;
6 (5) by redesignating subsections (a) through (e)
7 (as amended by this section) as subsections (b)
8 through (f), respectively; and
9 (6) by inserting before subsection (b) (as so re-
10 designated) the following:
11 “(a)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
12 Act, the National Institutes of Health may not award any
13 support (including any grant, contract, cooperative agree-
14 ment, or technical assistance) for any activity or program
15 that uses live animals for research unless the research oc-
16 curs in the United States.
17 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘United
18 States’ includes, in addition to the several States, the Dis-
19 trict of Columbia and any territory or possession of the
20 United States.”.

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