

H.R. 2472—The Research Accountability Act

It's an old story. Animal experimenters repeating the same procedures over and over again. Duplicating work that others have already done. Forcing animals to suffer simply to attract federal grants. Churning out meaningless stacks of paper filled with the same vague conclusions, if they bother to publish at all. In fact, most procedures are never published.

Representative Robert G. Torricelli (D-NJ) has introduced H.R. 2472, the Research Accountability Act, a bill that addresses the problem of duplication of animal experiments and the inefficient review of pertinent scientific literature by the research community. The bill calls for the creation of a National Center for Research Accountability, which would conduct full text literature searches of all project proposals involving live animals before funding is granted. If the Center determines that the results of the proposed research are already known or can be anticipated, then the proposal could not be funded by any federal agency.

The Torricelli legislation will save money and the lives of animals by forcing the federal government to tackle the problem of duplicative experiments and the inadequacy of the peer review and grant funding process.

THE ANIMALS NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

- Contact your congressional representative to make him/her aware of the waste and inefficiency inherent in the duplication of research. Seek his/her support for H.R. 2472. Write in care of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515. Contact the League of Women Voters for the name of your congressional representative.
- Contact both of your senators about the problem of duplicative experiments. Request that they introduce companion legislation in the Senate. Write to them in care of the United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510. Contact the League of Women Voters for the name of your senators.
- Contact Representative Henry Waxman, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, urging him to hold hearings on H.R. 2472. Representative Waxman can be reached in care of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-3976.
- Inform the media in your region about the waste and inefficiency of the current peer review and funding system. The American Anti-Vivisection Society (AAVS) can supply you with the facts you will need to make your case.
- Approach school, civic and religious groups in your area to inform them about animal exploitation in research, testing and education.
- Order and distribute copies of this and other leaflets produced by The AAVS.
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