

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1802

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 19, 2025

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mr. BOOKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 \$2,200,000,000 to foreign organizations
6 for 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) The lack of oversight described in para-
13 graph (2) has resulted in the mistreatment of ani-
14 mals used in research projects performed outside the
15 United States and funded by the American public.

16 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON AWARDING NIH SUPPORT FOR**
17 **USE OF LIVE ANIMALS IN RESEARCH BY PER-**
18 **SONS OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES.**

19 Section 495 of the Public Health Service Act (42
20 U.S.C. 289d) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(f) PROHIBITION.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
24 provision of this Act, the Director of NIH may not
25 award any support, including any grant, contract,
26 cooperative agreement, or technical assistance, for

1 any activity or program that uses live animals in re-
2 search unless the research occurs in the United
3 States.

4 “(2) DEFINITION OF UNITED STATES.—In
5 paragraph (1), the term ‘United States’ includes—

6 “(A) each State; and

7 “(B) each territory and possession of the
8 United States.”.

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