



October 16, 2024

The Honorable Jack Reed
Chairman
Senate Committee on Armed Services
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Armed Services
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chairman
House Committee on Armed Services
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
House Committee on Armed Services
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Reed, Chairman Rogers, Ranking Member Wicker, and Ranking Member Smith:

On behalf of our millions of combined members and supporters, the undersigned organizations respectfully request that the House and Senate Armed Services Committees include the language below in the final 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA):

PROHIBITION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR CANINE AND FELINE RESEARCH.

(a) Prohibition.--None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to conduct biomedical research or testing using canines or felines.

(b) Waiver.--The Secretary of Defense may waive the prohibition under subsection (a) if the Secretary--

(1) determines that the waiver is in the national security interest of the United States; and

(2) not later than the date on which the waiver is invoked, submits a notification of the waiver and a justification of the reason for seeking the waiver to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

With bipartisan support, the language above to prohibit Department of Defense (DOD) spending on biomedical research on dogs and cats was included in H.R.8070, the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025.¹ The amendment was co-sponsored by U.S. Representative Jared Moskowitz (D-FL) and House Armed Service Committee members Reps. Nancy Mace (R-SC) and Don Davis (D-NC) and was approved unanimously.²

Recent investigations and media reports have exposed how the DOD is wasting millions of taxpayer dollars on disturbing and archaic tests in which dogs are poisoned with large doses of experimental drugs and experiments in which cats are subjected to invasive and debilitating surgeries and hooked up to electrodes to induce erections and make them defecate marbles.^{3,4}

Taxpayers across the political spectrum—Republicans, Democrats and Independents alike—do not want their money spent on the abuse of pets in barbaric and wasteful research.

Please include the bipartisan House-approved measure defunding the DOD’s experiments on dogs and cats in the final NDAA being negotiated for 2025.

Sincerely,

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¹ "H.R.8070 - 118th Congress (2023-2024): Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025." Congress.gov, Library of Congress, 8 July 2024, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/8070>.

² Creitz, Charles. "Watchdog Claims Victory over Pentagon Animal Testing as Lawmakers Demand Accounting of Taxpayer Funds." *Fox News*, 3 Aug. 2024, www.foxnews.com/politics/watchdog-claims-victory-over-pentagon-animal-testing-lawmakers-demand-accounting-taxpayer-funds.

³ Bedard, Paul. "Pentagon Toxicology Testing on Beagles Draws Fire." *Washington Examiner*, 29 July. 2024, www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/washington-secrets/3102656/pentagon-toxicology-testing-beagles-draws-fire.

⁴ "WCW Investigation: Pentagon Pays Lab to Electro-Shock Cats, Force Felines to Defecate Marbles." *White Coat Waste Project*, 3 July 2024, blog.whitecoatwaste.org/2024/07/03/wcw-investigation-pentagon-pays-lab-to-electro-shock-cats-force-felines-to-defecate-marbles/.