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Statement Regarding Animal Extremists Efforts Against UCLA Researcher

SACRAMENTO, CA – August 8, 2006 – The California Biomedical Research Association (CBRA) today expressed great displeasure over the recent acts of violence, intimidation, and harassment that has lead a well-respected UCLA professor to suspend his research involving primates.

Those who seek to end animal research – either because they choose to reject its well-established validity, or because they believe an animal’s life is of equal value and importance to a child’s – continue to militantly protest at research facilities and disrupt the lives and neighborhoods of researchers in an attempt to spread mis-information about the scientific merit and the need for animal-based biomedical research. They stand well-outside the bonds of civil protest and engage in the tactics of intimidation, harassment, and fear in an effort to terrorize researchers and drive them out of medical research. This puts us all at risk.

For more than a hundred years, virtually every medical breakthrough in human and animal health has been the direct result of research using animals. New and better treatments for asthma, diabetes, cancer, and heart disease are only a few of the recent medical advances. All humans, regardless of their beliefs, have benefited and continue to do so. Animal rights extremists who carryout out violent acts in an attempt to stop research using animals endanger us all.

CBRA works to promote understanding of the need for biomedical research for human and animal health. The use of animals in research remains essential to the discovery of causes, diagnoses, and treatments of diseases in both humans and animals.

CBRA will continue to strive to promote public understanding and support for biomedical research and protect biomedical researchers.

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