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## AAU STATEMENT ON ANIMAL RESEARCH

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Cornell University  
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Emory University  
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Iowa State University  
The Johns Hopkins University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
McGill University  
Michigan State University  
New York University  
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The Pennsylvania State University  
Princeton University  
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of New Jersey  
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Angeles  
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Barbara  
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Champaign  
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Park  
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Chapel Hill  
University of Oregon  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
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Animal research has played a vital role in virtually every major biomedical advance of the last century—increasing scientific knowledge while furthering human and animal health. The research community and AAU are committed to ensuring that such research not only conforms with ethical, legal, and safety regulations but also maintains the highest standards of animal care and health. This obligation requires effective training and education of investigators and service personnel, as well as rigorous regulation and oversight of animal research.

Unfortunately, a few activists harass, intimidate, or use violence against those performing research using animals. Such behavior is unacceptable.

AAU has long championed academic and scientific freedom. Universities should continue to provide a forum for civil discourse and the open exchange of ideas about this or any other topic. But just as they protect the right of those who wish to express particular points of view through campus policies on free expression, universities must always ensure a safe environment for conducting their activities, including research involving the use of animals, free of intimidation or violence.

As some of the nation's and the world's leading research universities, the members of the Association of American Universities affirm their obligation to protect faculty, staff members, and students from harassment, threats, and physical harm, and to work with law enforcement authorities to safeguard animals, and facilities used for such work, as well as the families and homes of university personnel.

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