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1 IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 JULY 19, 2023
3 Ms. Titus (for herself and Mr. Nehls) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Cease Animal Research Grants Overseas Act of 2023” or the “CARGO Act of 2023”.
SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) From fiscal year 2011 through fiscal year 2021, the National Institutes of Health provided approximately $2.2 billion to foreign organizations for research projects involving animals.

(2) The National Institutes of Health does not conduct inspections of foreign organizations, and these organizations self-report information pertaining to animal welfare creating a risk that information will be misrepresented.

(3) This lack of oversight has resulted in the mistreatment of animals used in research projects performed outside the United States and funded by the American public.

SEC. 3. NO NIH SUPPORT FOR USE OF LIVE ANIMALS IN RESEARCH BY PERSONS OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES.

Section 495 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 289d) is amended—

(1) in subsections (a)(3) and (c)(1)(A), by striking “subsection (b)” each place it appears and inserting “subsection (a)”;

(2) in subsection (b)(1) by striking “subsection (a)(3)” and inserting “subsection (b)(3)”;
(3) in subsections (b)(1), (b)(3)(A), (b)(3)(C), (e)(1)(A), and (d)(1), by striking “subsection (a)” each place it appears and inserting “subsection (b)”;

(4) in subsection (c), by striking “Notwithstanding subsection (a)(2)” and inserting “Notwithstanding subsection (b)(2)”;

(5) in subsection (e), by striking “subsections (a) or (c)” and inserting “subsection (b) or (d)”;

(6) by redesignating subsections (a) through (e), as amended, as subsections (b) through (f), respectively; and

(7) by inserting before subsection (b), as redesignated, the following:

“(a)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the National Institutes of Health may not award any support (including any grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or technical assistance) for any activity or program that uses live animals for research unless the research occurs in the United States.

“(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘United States’ includes, in addition to the several States, the District of Columbia and any territory or possession of the United States.”.