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European Parliament Passes Resolution to Eliminate Animal Use in Research and Testing

On Wednesday, Sept 15, the European Parliament passed a resolution calling on the European Commission to begin phasing out animal research. The resolution passed by a vote of 667 to 4, and details of the resolution include plans to prioritize the use of non-animal models, increase funding for alternatives, and ultimately transition to using alternative methods in research.

Following the passage of this resolution, Executive Director Kirk Leech of the European Animal Research Association said, “Without animal research we would not have been able to develop and roll-out, at historically unprecedented speed, effective vaccines that have halted the progression of the Covid-19 pandemic. The development of new drugs and surgical techniques will also be severely impeded without continued animal research, with some branches of medical research coming to a complete stop.”

He went on to say, “Members of the European Parliament are being beguiled by activist groups into believing that non-animal methods of biomedical research can be universally applied to provide the safety, efficacy and insights that are currently gained from animal models. The reality is that the usefulness of some non-animal methods is limited and do not serve as suitable alternatives for huge areas of research and development.”

The resolution, which was strongly lobbied and supported by PETA and Humane Society International, sets a bad precedent for biomedical research on an international

level. These animal rights groups are now calling on their supporters to pressure the European Commission to quickly implement an action plan to end the use of animals in research.

NABR will continue to track this initiative and report any attempts by animal rights groups to end responsible, humane, and ethical use of laboratory animals in research.

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