

URGENT ACTION NEEDED!

Tell Congress Activism Isn't "Terrorism"

Don't Lose Your Voice for the Voiceless

The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (H.R. 4239) would label a wide range of activism as "terrorism" if it "damages" an animal enterprise, or any business connected to an animal enterprise.

The AETA has passed the Senate *unanimously* and is currently pending in the House. Industry groups are trying to steamroll it through Congress as soon as lawmakers return from recess **November 13**.

The AETA would impact all kinds of activists, including environmentalists, social justice advocates and vegetarian outreach campaigners. Animal activists may be the first target of this scare-mongering, but they won't be the last.

Talking Points

The AETA is Vague and Overly Broad. The AETA isn't just about illegal actions like breaking windows or rescuing animals from fur farms. It includes penalties for "non-violent physical obstruction" and actions that do not harm people or property. It could label civil disobedience, whistleblowing, undercover investigations and aggressive—yet nonviolent—campaigns as "terrorism" if they hurt corporate profits.

The AETA Limits Free Speech. Labeling nonviolent actions as "terrorism" and prosecuting them as federal crimes will have a chilling effect on free speech. You shouldn't have to be afraid of being labeled a "terrorist" for speaking up for animals.

Corporate Profits Aren't a National Security Priority. There are better ways to spend scarce anti-terrorism resources than protecting corporate interests and targeting animal activists as "terrorists."

What You Can Do

- Contact your U.S. Representatives, beginning November 13, and urge them to protect free speech and oppose this legislation (for Congressional contact information, visit www.congress.org). Use the talking points above.
- Distribute copies of this alert to anyone concerned about civil liberties.
- Keep updated on the AETA and for more detailed information, visit stopaeta.org and noaeta.org.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and other prominent national groups have come out against the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act. These are just some of the animal organizations and businesses that oppose the AETA.

Action For Animals – Austin	AZVegan.com	International Fund for Animal Welfare	Respect and Kindness
Action For Animals – Oakland	Bay Area Vegetarians	Kinship Circle	Sonoma People for Animal Rights
Alley Cat Allies	Best Friends Animal Society	L.A. Lawyers for Animals	StopAETA.org
American Anti-Vivisection Society	Catskill Animal Sanctuary	Last Chance for Animals	Students for Education on Animal Liberation
American Vegan Society	CARE (Coalition for Animal Rights Education)	League of Humane Voters	SuperVegan.com
Animal Acres	Compassionate Consumers	League of Humane Voters - CA	United Animal Nations
Animal Legal Defense Fund	Compassionate Cooks	League of Humane Voters - NY	United Poultry Concerns
Animal Place	Compassion Over Killing	Maryland Animal Advocates	Valley Vegan Society (Northampton, MA)
Animal Protection Institute	DawnWatch	Mercy For Animals	VeganFreak.com
Animal Rights Coalition, MN	Dogs Deserve Better	Midwest Avian Adoption & Rescue Services (MAARS)	Veganica
Animal Rights Hawaii	East Bay Animal Advocates	National Anti-Vivisection Society	Vegan Outreach
Animal Rights International	Eastern Shore Sanctuary and Education Center	New England Anti-Vivisection Society (NEAVS)	Vegan Radio
Animal Sanctuary Foundation	Equal Justice Alliance	Peaceful Prairie Sanctuary	Vegetarian Advocates
Animal Switchboard	FARM	People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals	Vegetarian Society of El Paso
Animal Welfare Advocacy	Farm Sanctuary	Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine	The VegNews Network
Animal Welfare Institute	FATE (Friends of Animals and Their Environment)	Primate Freedom Project	VegNews Magazine
The Animals Voice	Faunavision	RabbitWise	Viva!USA
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals	Feathers Foundation	Rational Animals	Voice for a Viable Future
Arizona State University	Florida Voices for Animals	San Diego Animal Advocates	Woodstock Animal Rights Movement
Animal Welfare Association	Friends of Animals	Satya Magazine	Woodstock Farm Animal Sanctuary
The Association of Sanctuaries	Herbivore Magazine	SHARK (Showing Animals	World Orchard Project
Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights	Humane Society of the US		
Avian Welfare Coalition	In Defense of Animals		

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