



## Letter on NIH Funding for Animal Research from NABR President in *The Hill*

As you'll recall, last week shortly after National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Dr. Francis Collins said in an interview that "Animals are still crucial to our understanding of how biology works," People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) fired back with a letter to *The Hill* calling for a systematic review of animal studies at the NIH. This letter, "[A need to rethink spending on animal-based research at NIH](#)," is part of [PETA's call to defund the NIH](#) because of its use of animal models in lifesaving and live-improving research.

Today, [NABR's President Matt Bailey penned a response letter to \*The Hill\*](#) discussing not only the benefits of animal research in medical discovery from conditions like HIV/AIDS, malaria, cancer, and Alzheimer's, but covering the immense economic impact of taxpayer funded studies. The United States' investment in research, specifically with the NIH, supports 350,000 jobs and produced \$60 billion in new economic activity in 2015.

[Take a moment to read Bailey's letter](#) and **please submit supportive comments at the bottom of the article.** We frequently see opponents of animal research commenting freely on similar articles and since *The Hill* is widely read by policymakers and their staff, it would be most helpful if the research community spoke out in support of NIH funding and animal research. **Please share this with your friends, family, colleagues, and on social media and encourage others to do the same.**