



National Association for
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UPDATE

Congress Needs to Hear From You ASAP About Critical Research for Veterans

Right now, animal rights activists are flooding Congressional email boxes asking them to end vital cardiac, cancer, diabetes, respiratory, and other studies with canines at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). [Have you sent an email of support for these studies to your Members of Congress in Washington?](#) **Sending the pre-written letter is quick, easy, and private, and most importantly should go a long way in protecting these important programs for our nation's veterans.**

Simply put, Reps. Dave Brat (R-VA), Brian Mast (R-FL) and Dina Titus (D-NV) have introduced legislation that seeks to remove funding for VA medical research studies if they incorporate the use of canines. H.R. 3197, also known as [the PUPPERS Act](#), and [an amendment](#) to the homeland security "minibus" are their vehicles to cease life-saving and life-improving treatments for veterans suffering from spinal cord injuries, heart conditions, diabetes, respiratory illnesses, and other diseases experienced through military service.

Thus far, the following veteran, military, veterinary, medical and scientific organizations have spoken publicly with their concerns: [The American Legion](#), [American Association for Laboratory Animal Science \(AALAS\)](#), [American Brain Coalition \(ABC\)](#), [American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine \(ACLAM\)](#), [American Psychological Association \(APA\)](#), [American Physiological Society \(APS\)](#), [American Veterinary Medical Association \(AVMA\)](#), [Association of the U.S. Navy \(AUSN\)](#), [Friends of VA \(FOVA\)](#), [Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans of America \(IAVA\)](#), [National Defense Committee](#), [Paralyzed Veterans of America \(PVA\)](#), [Square Deal for Veterans](#), [VA Secretary David Shulkin, MD](#), and the [Vietnam Veterans of America \(VVA\)](#).

[Have you voiced your concerns yet?](#)

If you're concerned about quality healthcare, especially for our veterans, please take a moment to [speak up by sending a pre-written, editable message](#) to your Representatives and Senators in Congress to ask them to oppose such measures like H.R. 3197 and Rep. Brat's amendment. Please also encourage your friends, family, colleagues, and neighbors to [make their voices heard](#), too.

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