

Urgent Alert:
Please Contact Your Senators Today to Oppose S.810,
The Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act

Late last week, a few members of the Senate attempted to take a step forward in bringing S. 810, the Great Ape Protection and Cost Savings Act (GAPCSA), to the floor for consideration. The attempt failed, in part because many Senators had already left for the weekend. However, supporters of the bill are likely to continue these efforts in the waning weeks of the 112th Congress so it is crucial that you **IMMEDIATELY** [contact your members of Congress](#) in opposition to GAPSCA. **THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!**

- The legislation would take the unprecedented step of prohibiting the use of a research model, allowing public comment about the merit of specific research projects and protocols and opening the door for future prohibition of other research models.
- Legislation is unnecessary as NIH is in the process of implementing the recommendations of the IOM study, which was requested by NIH.
- Despite the fact that the bill claims to be a "Cost Savings" the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office determined the legislation would actually cost \$56 million over the 2013-2017 period.

This legislation has serious implications for **ALL** biomedical research involving humane and responsible animal research, which is dedicated to improved treatments and cures for the many diseases afflicting both people and other animals. Not only will S. 810 prohibit the use of chimpanzees as a model for vital life-saving research, but it will subject scientific research (both private and federally funded) to the approval of the Secretary of Health & Human Services. Simply put, this legislation will put the future of biomedical research on dangerous ground.

Please click [here](#) to visit NABR's Capwiz page to send a letter to your representatives in Washington. If you would like to call your Senator, please click [here](#) to find their phone number. Please urge your family, friends, and fellow researchers to do the same as soon as possible!

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