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## URGENT: Tell Congress That Protesting Is Not a Crime

**Campaign Launched:**

November 12, 2006

Companies that abuse animals—including the meat, fur, circus, and vivisection industries—have convinced a small group of politicians to introduce a bill called the [Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act \(AETA\)](#). If passed, this bill would allow the government to charge animal rights activists with massive fines and jail time for using nonviolent tactics such as civil disobedience, whistle-blowing, and undercover investigations. AETA already passed in the Senate and may be voted on in the House as soon as Monday, November 13. Animals need your help—please contact your representative today and tell him or her to vote “No” on this unconstitutional bill now.

### Sample Letter for Campaign

**Subject: Please Vote 'No' on the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act****Dear [ Decision Maker ],**

The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (H.R. 4239) was created to protect the interests of wealthy corporations that abuse animals. This unconstitutional bill would make nonviolent tactics illegal and would punish animal protection activists for peaceful protests against such corporations, simply because it causes them to suffer a loss of profit. I urge you, as my representative, to vote "No" on this bill. The industries that abuse animals should be punished, not those who speak out against injustice.

**Sincerely,****[Your Name]****[Your Address]**

### Background Information

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