



National Association *for*  
Biomedical Research

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United States Department of Transportation  
Room Plaza 401  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590-0001

Re: Docket Number: FAA-2002-13378

Dear Sir/Madam:

On behalf of the National Association for Biomedical Research (NABR), which represents over 300 public and private universities, medical and veterinary schools, teaching hospitals, voluntary health agencies, professional societies, pharmaceutical companies and other animal research-related firms, I am writing to comment on Docket No. FAA-2002-13378, "Reports by Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport." NABR supports the responsible use and humane care and treatment of laboratory animals in research, education and product safety testing.

I am writing to endorse the comments provided to you by the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM), which represents more than 700 board-certified laboratory animal veterinarians. We share their concern that the proposed regulations use wording in portions of Section 710 of the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (AIR-21), "Reports by Carriers on Incidents Involving Animals During Air Transport," that appear to be too broad and thus could have significant unintended negative implications for transport of all animals.

NABR urges the FAA to revise the proposed rule to address the issues outlined in detail in the ACLAM letter. If you have any questions, or if NABR can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 202-857-0540.

Regards,

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President