

To: U.S. District Judge John Jarvey, U.S. Attorney Nicholas Kleinfeldt, and U.S. Attorney Cliff Cronk:

We call on you to immediately drop all charges against Scott DeMuth. His principled decision to protect the confidentiality of his research subjects is laudable, and his right to do so an essential component of academic freedom. Charging DeMuth with conspiracy under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA) is a transparent attempt to coerce him into violating his own rights and those of the people he studies. If researchers are subject to such charges, many crucial fields of study may become impossible. Research integrity and justice both demand the dropping of all charges.

Sincerely,

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