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To the Participants of the Pro-test Italia Rally:

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) stands in support of our Italian colleagues whose research is being threatened by Article 13 amendments to Directive 2010/63/EU. By prohibiting the use of animals in drug abuse research and the breeding of important animal models, these amendments, if adopted, would have significant detrimental effects to both research and animal welfare.

FASEB continues to affirm the essential contribution of animals in research and education aimed at improving the health of both humans and animals. The role of animals remains critical in understanding the fundamental processes of life and in developing treatments for injury and disease. We commend Pro-test Italia in championing life-saving animal research and opposing restrictive regulations that will slow scientific progress.