APS Statement on Consumer

Products Safe Testing Act
(HR 1635)

It is the Society’s belief that in the re-

The American Physiological Society ap-preciates the opportunity to submit its comments for the record on HR 1635. the “Consumer Products Safe Testing Act.”

Continuation of the inspection func-tions by APHIS is of critical importance, especially if federally funded research is to continue to be conducted under stand-ards prescribed by the federal government. Although there are laws in all 50 states and the District of Columbia that address ani-mal abuse, none of these laws reflect the nature of the Animal Welfare Act. Collec-tively, these laws are a disparate body of rules, statutes, and regulations incapable-both technically and philosophically-of addressing violations of federal standards and regulations.
Moreover, the enforcement of the Ani-mal Welfare Act not only is a legitimate function of the federal government, it is a
function that is best served by the federal
government. Any abdication of this respon-
sibility-even if by insufficient funding-
would be of serious consequence for the
welfare of all animals.

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