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Good evening,

Susan B. Anthony List supports and will score in favor of the Braun Amendment #1771 to the United States Innovation and Competition Act of 2021 (formerly the Endless Frontier Act). The amendment amends the criminal code to include the creation of human-animal hybrids (chimeras) and the transfer of a human embryo into a nonhuman womb or of a nonhuman embryo into a human womb.

While current National Institutes of Health guidelines prohibit funding for research involving chimeras, there are reports that these guidelines may be removed depending on policy guideline updates from the International Society for Stem Cell Research (ISSCR). Human beings are distinct from animals in both nature and value; research that tries to create hybrids of humans and animals is unethical and unnecessary. This amendment addresses particular kinds of research that involve endangering and destroying embryos, by making such experimentation liable to criminal penalties. It would ensure that funds under the US Innovation and Competition Act cannot be used for research involving these repulsive techniques.

We are grateful to Senator Braun for upholding the dignity of human life, and urge you to vote in favor of the Braun Amendment #1771.

SBA List does not take a position on the underlying bill, but will score in favor of this amendment.

For life!

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