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The Honorable Gloria Romero
Chair, Senate Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 2031
Sacramento, CA 95814

***Re: Assembly Bill 2296 (Mullin): Academic research: trespass
Position: Support***

Dear Senator Romero,

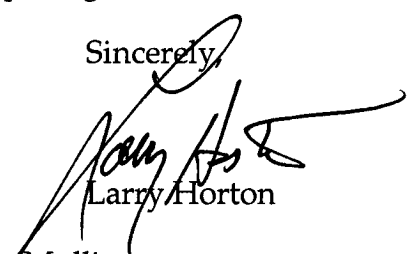
Stanford University strongly supports AB 2296 (Mullin) and urges passage of this bill when it comes before the Senate Public Safety Committee. In light of the recent attacks on researchers' property, the passage of this bill takes on greater importance.

Stanford is acutely aware of the effects that actions and threats of violence have on the women and men who conduct biomedical research. While we would have preferred a stronger bill, AB 2296 does address the alarming increase in violence by extremists toward university researchers who are conducting scientific research that requires the use of animal models.

We appreciate the author's efforts on this bill and his concern to address the increasing violence against academic researchers.

We urge you to vote for the passage of AB 2296.

Sincerely,



Larry Horton

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