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To: Offices of Science Policy Comments:

We strongly object to the NIH's proposal to rescind its moratorium on funding of human-animal chimeras. We do not want our tax dollars being used for grossly unethical research involving the creation and manipulation of part-human, part-animal beings whose very existence blurs the line of human embryonic stem cell research in general and serious additional problems related to the creation of human-animal beings with partly or substantially human brains and/or human gametes.

We also strongly object to the NIH's apparent lack of consideration for the ethical issues involved by this research. The NIH's pledged to "undertake a deliberative process to evaluate the state of the science in this arear, the ethical issues that should be considered, and the relevant animal welfare concerns associated with these types of studies" when the moratorium was put in place in 2015 [*Notice Number: NOT-OD-15-158*]. Yet to date, there is no evidence of any discussion of the ethical issues involved in creating partly human animals.

In summary, the NIH should not seek funding for this unethical research until all moral and ethical issues have been fully studied and communicated to the voting public. Again, we strongly object and do not support the NIH's proposal to rescind the moratorium on funding of human-animal chimeras and any research involved.

Sincerely,



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