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Office of Science Policy NIH Comments
National Institute of Health
6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 750
Bethesda, MD 20892

Dear Office of Science Policy Comments:

I Object strongly to the NIH's proposal to rescind it's moratorium on funding of human-animal chimeras. I do not want my tax dollars to be used for Grossly Unethical Research involving the creation & manipulation of part-human, part-animal beings whose very existence blurs the line between humans & non-human animals. This proposed research raises all the human ethical problems of human embryonic stem cell research in general & serious additional problems related to the creation of human-animal beings with partially or substatially human brains and/or human gametes.

I also object strongly to the NIH's apparent lack of consideration for the ethical issues implicated by this research. Indeed, the NIH pledged to "undertake a deliberative process to evaluate the state of the science in this area, the ethical issues

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that should be considered, and the relevent animal welfare concerns associated with these types of studies" when the moratorium was put in place in 2015. Yet to date there is no evidence of any discussion of the ethical issues involved in creating partly human animals.

At a minimum, the NIH should give for more serious consideration to the significant ethical problems associated with the research before seeking to fund human-animal chimera research.

Yours truly

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