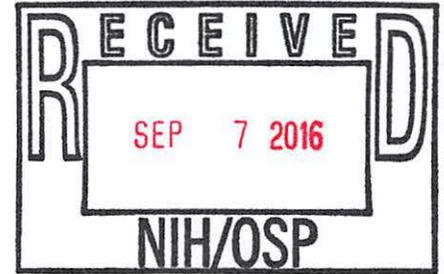


LAKE COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE COMMITTEE

Office of Science Policy
NIH
6705 Rockledge Dr #750
Bethesda MD 20892

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Dear Office of Science Policy,

I represent a large population of people in Lake County Illinois who believe that human life has intrinsic value. We are as an organization adamantly opposed to lifting the moratorium on funding research that would violate our human dignity. Specifically, lifting the moratorium to allow human embryonic stem cells to be injected into animals which would create a part human-part animal known as chimeras would violate human dignity. Any research along these lines will blur the distinction between humans and animals. Our taxpayer dollars must never be used to create or manipulate human life.

Pandora, in mythology, learned a heartbreaking lesson when she opened the box to do good and found out that her world was changed forever. In medicine, the goal must always be to never violate by research or funding those areas that will only bring heartbreak to society and will indeed "do great harm." In medicine we all know there are some doors that must not be opened and this is one of them. An animal is not a human and a human is never an animal. Both species are distinct. Harvesting and research will involve killing both species. This should never be done.

The NIH was created with our tax dollars to support all efforts at curing or palliating disease. Chimeras are not a disease. Creating them is not healthcare. We at Lake County Right to Life strongly urge you not to lift the moratorium. Thank you for opening this issue for comment. I strongly urge to remember that the goal of medicine is Do No Harm.

In defense of life,
Bonnie Quirke, RN, President, Lake County Right to Life