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Subject: CHIMERA RESEARCH

To Whom It May Concern:

I protest the merging of human and animal species, known as chimera, to create new forms of life on ethical grounds because this is an offense to both humans and animals as neither species will be able to reach the full measure of their existence as solely human or solely animal in this chimera state.

Realize that the human embryonic stem cells used in the creation of a chimera are from aborted developing humans.

Further, realize that the merging of human and animal species will create the problem of diseases flowing back and forth between humans and animals.

Be aware that The Human Chimera Prohibition Act of 2005 did not pass in the United States Congress and since then there has not been a single attempt to set regulations on chimera research in the United States.

Be also aware that The National Institute of Health's (NIH) current move to lift regulations on chimera creation is opening a vast ethical question that will result in a situation of grave consequences to both animals and humans with creatures neither fully human or fully animal.

Blindsiding the responsibility to respect both human and animal life for the purpose of experimentation is self-centered and irresponsible.

I suggest the scientists at NIH work towards improving human life to its fullest extent and animal life to its fullest extent and not abandon these noble goals by experimenting in the merging of this two precious life forms.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Masters".

Christine Masters