

To: Office of Human Policy
The National Institutes of Health
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I strongly object to the NIH's proposal to reexamine its moratorium on funding of research involving human-animal chimeras. I do not want my 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 between humans and non-human animals. This proposed research raises all the ethical problems 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.

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

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2015. Yet to date there is no evidence of any discussion of the ethical issues involved in creating partly human animals.

I would add that the type of biological tampering is an affront to the prerogative of life that God creates. It is not right for man and women to usurp how life should be created, what belongs to God alone.

I strongly urge you to maintain the current moratorium on funding research involving the creating and manipulation of human-animal chimeras

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