

September 4, 2016

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Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-9838.

Dear NIH Directors,

NO! NO! NO!

Please DO NOT MODIFY the current moratorium on generating human-animal chimeras.

Our family agrees with Fr. Alfred Cioffi who has Doctorates in both Bioethics and Genetics and pass on his more technical comments and wisdom:

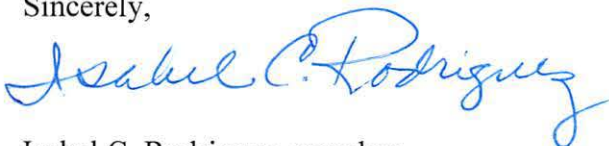
Please consider the following reasons for our agreement with Fr. Cioffi on continuing the moratorium:

- No way to obtain informed consent from the human embryo who is donating the pluripotent cells.
- No direct benefit to the human embryo involved.
- No way to prevent the transferred human genome from ending up in the gonadal primordia of the non-human animal.
- No way to prevent the transferred human genome from ending up in the brain primordia of the non-human animal.

In addition, we also agree with Fr. Cioffi that the American people are currently focused on a presidential election, and this issue is too important to be given so little attention or publicity. Americans need to be consulted, further educated on your plans, and allowed to VOTE on it.

Please show respect for the American people; after all, our tax dollars fund NIH.

Sincerely,



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