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Dear Office of Science Policy Members:

I object strongly to the NIH's proposal to rescind 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 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 that should be considered*, and the relevant 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.

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

Not only should you maintain the current moratorium, but you must seriously consider the implications your involvement with this kind of research has on your soul. Do you honestly believe Our Good Lord, who has purposely made humans separate from animals, now wants them combined? If He did, He would have done so. He doesn't make mistakes. However, we as humans do. Being involved in this kind of research, has to be very offensive to God and will not abode well for you and your eternity because now you are playing God. Seriously, do not do this research – not only for the sake of humanity, but for the sake of your soul. You have been warned!

Sincerely,



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