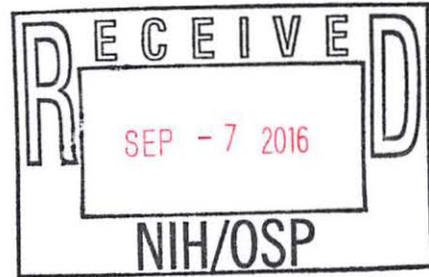


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Gentlemen,

Please DO NOT lift the moratorium on government funding of human-animal chimeras. This issue is a ethical minefield. The NIH should not be so quick to brush aside the ethical considerations.

Three immediate questions.

Equality. Would chimeras be equal to humans ?

Slavery. Would it be OK to program chimeras to do work that humans would not do ? Would this be regarded as slavery or animal cruelty, or both ?

Rights. What rights would chimeras have ? What benefits are they entitled to ?

The NIH should hold discussions on resolving questions such as those raised above and NOT be plunging ahead to produce chimeras.

Please keep the moratorium intact.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome S. Jacobsmeyer". The signature is written in a cursive style with some capital letters.

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