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Gentlemen,

I want to voice my opinion about the NIH's proposal to spend my tax dollars on human-animal chimeras. I am sickened by the thought of human cells being joined with animal cells to create human-animal chimeras. While human beings are part of the animal kingdom, they exist at the highest level of that group. Why would scientists want to lower human cells into the rest of the animal kingdom by creating human-animal chimeras?

If the NIH continues its research on human-animal chimeras, they will be doing so without any evidence that they undertook "a deliberative process to evaluate...the ethical issues...and the relevant animal welfare concerns..." They pledged to do this in 2015 when a moratorium was established. IF the NIH doesn't follow what they pledged then, how am I to expect that they will follow any standards—even their own—in the future?

Please reconsider rescinding the moratorium on continued research into human-animal chimeras.

Very truly yours,

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