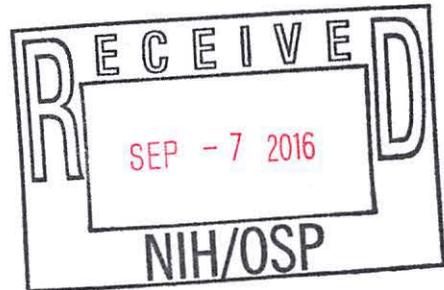


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Dear Office of Science Policy Comments,

I object strongly to the NIH's proposal to rescind its moratorium on funding of human-animal chimeras. I do not want my tax dollars being used for grossly unethical research involving the creation and manipulation of part-animal, part-human 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.

At a minimum, the NIH should give far more serious consideration to the ethical issues implicated in this research before seeking funds for it.

Sincerely,

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