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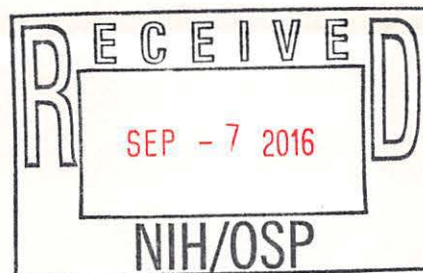
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration stand in strong opposition to the NIH proposal to expand the scope of fundable research to include the introduction of human pluripotent cells into non-human vertebrate embryos up through the end of the gastrulation stage as well as the introduction of human cells into post-gastrulation non-human mammals (excluding rodents) such that there could be a substantial contribution to, or a substantial functional modification of, the animal brain by the human cells.

For what purpose we ask? Just because scientists can accomplish a specific feat doesn't give them the moral authority to carry it out. In a democracy, every governmental organization is charged with the responsibility of enhancing the common good. The creation of living organisms composed of human and animal cells/tissues is problematic on many levels. With millions of human beings starving across the globe, we believe the National Institute of Health would do better to focus its research funds toward meeting the nutritional and medical needs of the human population.

*Sincerely,*  
*SISTERS OF SAINT FRANCIS*

*(Please see attached signatures)*

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Signatures in opposition to NIH proposal to expand scope of fundable research.

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