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The National Institutes of Health
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To The members of the NIH:

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.

Also I vehemently do not want my tax dollars going to such research. This is inhumane and extremely unethical. Where has all the ethics in research and for the good of the people gone? You are not considering the value of life. This truly sounds like the working of demons and devil worshippers who want to be known as creator, but in actuality all they are a Monster like Dr. Hyde.

If you are scientists, then do something for the betterment of the world not its demise.

A concerned Catholic American,
~~Charlotte M. Milcetic-Picallo~~

I am in complete agreement with every statement above
Stephen James Mayhan ~~Stephen James Mayhan~~