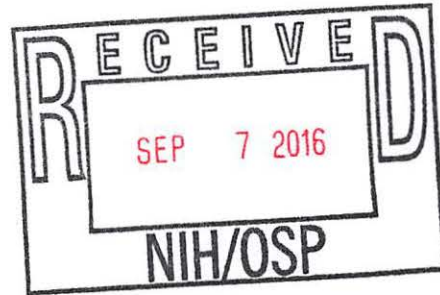


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Office of Science Policy
The National Institutes of Health
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Dear NIH:

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.

This proposed research raises all the ethical problems of human embryonic stem cell research as well as opens the door wide to potentially fatal new illnesses and diseases that could affect society and the environment on a global scale for years to come. I suspect that most of these affects could be catastrophic in nature and could be irreversible.

Please take the time necessary to truly discuss the implications of what extensive harm this specific type of research could do to our generations of children to come, our animal populations, and the environment as a whole.

I strongly urge you to maintain and strengthen the current moratorium on funding research involving the creation and manipulation of human-animal chimeras.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my concerns.

Sincerely,

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