

" I strongly object to the use of my tax dollars to fund this unethical research. I couldn't believe our government is seriously considering mixing human DNA with other animals. I would have thought H.G. Wells' "The Island of Dr. Moreau" and just plain common sense would have firmly rejected any idea of this. Did we not learn that science has ethical limits from the Japanese and Nazis in WWII? Is there only data and discovery at any cost, even at the risk of literally losing your humanity in the process? So what if you add a prohibition against primates if 99% of the other animal species are now free game? What will you call these creations? At what point do you consider a thing human, not human, or almost human? At what point will you give these beings personage rights? Why not debate this in the media instead of sneaking it in on a .gov website the general public rarely visits?" I believe science is very good, but this research is terrible! I will certainly be writing a letter to my representative and senators if this passes, asking them to decrease NIH funding and instead give that funding to the NSF and NASA. Does the verbiage from your congressional funding source even permit these types of grants (something I will ask my representative)? Human DNA into animals?! This is unreal! Under Title IV research guidelines amendment: "Prohibit all Chimera research that involves human DNA." I strongly urge you to maintain the current moratorium on funding research involving the creation and manipulation of human-animal chimeras. I look forward to your response,