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Dr. Collins,

I am contacting you today regarding the deaths of primates at multiple facilities currently receiving National Institutes of Health funding.

To be precise:

The California Primate Research Center has been cited by the USDA for 19 primate deaths and a complaint has been filed relevant to another 12.

The Oregon Health Sciences University was fined for 5 primate deaths.

The Texas Biomedical Research Institute was previously fined for one primate death and has since been cited for two subsequent primate deaths.

The University of Washington was fined for a primate death in late 2011 and an additional complaint has been filed relevant to traumatic injuries, etc.

The Wisconsin Primate Research Center is currently the subject of a 41 count USDA federal complaint, and Emory University has been cited for yet another primate death.

These facilities have been cited/fined/warned for animal deaths due to inadequate veterinary care, traumatic injuries, failure to follow approved protocols, etc.

These basic violations of the Animal Welfare Act are a cause of major concern because collectively these facilities (Texas Biomedical Research Institute, Emory University, Oregon Health Sciences University, University of Wisconsin, University of Washington, University of California, Davis) receive over \$280,000,000 annually in federal funding for primate experimentation.

Therefore, I hereby officially request that the National Institutes of Health institute an independent investigation of animal care within the Primate Research Center system to be carried out by the National Institutes of Health, Office of Management Assessment, Office of the Inspector General.

I will expect you to respond to this correspondence within five (5) business days.

Sincerely,

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Attachments: USDA Reports, Fine documents, etc.