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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB181

Dear Members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans,

I am writing to respectfully urge your support for Senate Bill 181—and to ask that the bill be expanded to end the use of primates in research at the Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) primate center.

The treatment of nearly 5,000 monkeys at this facility raises profound ethical concerns. These sentient, intelligent beings endure painful experiments, isolation, and often lifelong confinement. Decades of research have shown that such conditions cause irreversible psychological and physical harm, while the scientific value of many primate studies remains deeply contested, especially in an era of advanced non-animal research methods.

Oregon has an opportunity to lead with compassion, responsibility, and innovation. By closing the primate center and redirecting resources toward humane and modern research alternatives, we can protect both animals and scientific integrity.

Please take a stand for progress. Support SB 181—and expand it to include a full phase-out of primate research in our state.

Thank you for your time and leadership.

Sincerely,  
Ekaterina Belskaya