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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB181

Dear Oregon Senate Committee members,

Please, please support SB 181 to end funding for unnecessary and cruel experiments on dogs and cats at OHSU Medical Center and all other Oregon institutions. There is no excuse for continuing these outdated and inhumane practices, which rarely yield applicable results for humans. Even if small medical gains are achieved, at what cost to these suffering animals who have no say in the matter?

In addition to stopping public funding for experiments on dogs and cats, I urge you to add primate experimentation to this bill. Research on thousands of primates at OHSU has been a dark stain on the state for years. Primates are our closest biological relatives and have no business being kept prisoners in confined spaces and submitted to stressful and painful procedures. There is no justification other than to perpetuate a greedy and misguided industry.

Please follow your consciences and act now to spare these and future generations of animals from needless suffering. There is enough harm in the world as it is, and this step to defund animal experimentation would be a tremendous step for the humane treatment of animals in our state and for humanity at large.

Thank you for consideration and efforts!

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