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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB181

Dear Legislators -

Thank you for your consideration of SB 181A. I strongly support this legislation. There may not be a lot a person can do to make the world a kinder place, but this is a start. Not only is it cruel, but animal studies fall far short of being predictive for humans.

I support expanding the measure to include primates and end their use in breeding and research. Monkeys are highly intelligent and capable of experiencing complex emotions including pain and distress. Their use is immoral and unethical. They are not perfect models for humans, leading to misleading or inaccurate results. Modern science is using computer simulations with more accurate results, at a reduced costs, and less pain inflicted on helpless animals. You will likely hear from breeders who make their living off the pain of others; please consider their conflict of interest.

Thank you.