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We support expanding SB181 to include ending the use of primates in breeding and research. Between 2014 and 2022, ONPRC was cited for 31 violations of the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA), the highest number among NIH-funded primate research centers during that period. Fifteen of these were classified as “critical” or “direct” violations, indicating severe breaches of animal welfare standards. Examples include but are not limited to: August 2020, two monkeys died after being placed into a scalding cage-washing system. One died from the scalding water, and the other was euthanized due to injuries. In 2023, an infant monkey was crushed to death by a heavy steel guillotine-style door in front of her mother. Other incidents include animals being trapped in enclosures, suffering injuries from faulty equipment, and receiving improper medical care. The animals need to be relocated to licensed animal sanctuaries where they will receive compassionate care.