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I'm a primary care physician passionately in support of expanding SB181 to include ending the use of primates in breeding and research. I appreciate my State Representative, Mr. Gomberg, and his leadership on this bill as well as on the rights of our non-human friends. While I'm not Indigenous to this part of the world, I've been very fortunate to have learned Indigenous culture since living in Oregon, and these teachings resonate with me deeply. They include considering everything on our planet as being alive, seeing non-humans as equal in importance to humans, and knowing that we're all related. As a physician, I can say without doubt that harming animals in the name of improving the well-beings of humans actually makes us less healthy, as we have to get in an uncaring frame of mind that it's OK to harm other creatures - this disconnection hurts our individual selves and the planet. Thank you for your consideration on this very important issue.