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Over the past 60 years, I can't imagine the countless suffering and tortured monkey lives killed and millions of dollars spent at the center on experiments that have not improved human health.

As an Oregonian, I'm outraged that OHSU wasted our taxpayer dollars on the primate center instead of wisely spending the money on doctors, nurses, and dietitians; counseling and health education programs; infectious disease research using human cells and tissues; and clinical research ethically conducted with humans that could have helped combat chronic diseases like heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and cancer, which are now among the leading killers in our state.

With federal funds and disease prevention and monitoring programs at risk, OHSU must ensure that every dollar it spends keeps Oregonians healthy. That won't happen until the Oregon National Primate Research Center is shut down. Harvard University's primate center was shut down almost a decade ago. Oregon is certainly lagging- it used to be that Oregon was a progressive state. I'm a fifth-generation Orwegonian and appalled that our state is allowing "BIG PHARMA" to rule us.

Shame.

Just do it!

Shut down the medieval and cruel ONPRC down now.

Sincerely,

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