

- OLAW opened an investigation on September 9, 2014, in response to the allegations raised. As required by federal regulation, OLAW requested that the responsible official at the National Institutes of Health and the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Animal Care and Use Committee (ACUC) address the following issues:
 - o How discomfort, distress and pain was avoided or minimized;
 - o Procedures or circumstances that may result in more than momentary discomfort, distress, pain or injury and a description of the methods used to alleviate this;
 - o Steps taken to ensure that use of stressors was minimum to obtain valid results;
 - o Justification why alternatives to this animal model could not be used;
 - o Steps taken to replace, reduce, or refine the use of animals;
 - o Rationale for the age and choice of species used;

- o The living conditions of the young



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The Honorable Dina Titus
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Titus:

Thank you for writing to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to express your concerns about reports in the popular press about non-human primate research conducted at an NIH-funded facility in Poolesville, Maryland.

The NIH takes animal welfare allegations seriously and has numerous policies and protocols in place to assure the ethical treatment and



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- o The living conditions of the young non-human primates and the appropriateness for the species;
- o Qualifications and training of individuals directly involved; and
- o Measures taken