

Dear CRB Members,

In just three weeks, more than **50,000 people** have engaged on the issue of OHSU's primate center in various forms.

Nearly **7,000 individuals** have signed different petitions calling for its closure and provide their names to the CRB.

This is not a fringe concern — it's a groundswell of public outcry that cannot be ignored.

Over **5,000 monkeys** remain caged at the facility, enduring daily confinement and suffering, with little to no meaningful scientific value yielded from their pain.

Nearly half of the OHSU animal care workers claim that the center is "dangerous" in a survey available online.

OHSU kills more than **900 monkeys every year**.

Despite repeated claims of oversight and regulation, OHSU regularly **fails USDA inspections**, incurring fines for ongoing animal welfare violations.

Legislators have spoken up, urging you to listen to the people you serve.

From a scientific perspective, the facility is outdated and unnecessary. OHSU ranks poorly in medical research output — especially when compared to peer institutions such as Harvard, Stanford, Yale, and Georgetown — all of which operate without primate testing facilities. The nation's leading medical research centers have already moved on. Why hasn't OHSU?

The primate center should have been closed decades ago. This merger represents a critical opportunity to do what should have already been done — to end an era of cruelty and align OHSU with modern, ethical research practices.

The Oregon Health Authority has confirmed multiple times that **including a merger condition requiring closure of the primate center is fully within the CRB's authority**.

The public has spoken, repeatedly and clearly. The science is weak. The ethics are indefensible.

Please include a merger condition of the orderly closure of the primate center — and ensure this merger reflects the values of the community, not just the interests of OHSU.

Thank you,
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