

Subject: The Oregon National Primate Center at OHSU must remain open

I am writing to express my strong support for the Oregon National Primate Research Center (ONPRC) and to urge you to reject misinformation that threatens this critical research institution. Recently, false claims by groups like the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) have distorted the reality of ONPRC's work and its commitment to both scientific progress and animal welfare. These attacks not only misrepresent the facts but also endanger the future of medical innovation, public health, and compassionate animal care.

As a laboratory animal veterinarian and former Attending Veterinarian at the University of Washington (which includes the Washington National Primate Research Center), I have seen firsthand that researchers, veterinarians, and animal care teams dedicate their lives to advancing medicine, ensuring the highest ethical standards, and protecting both human and animal health.

While I may not be an Oregon resident, I recognize that the work done at ONPRC affects public health, medical innovation, and patient care nationwide. If ONPRC's work is restricted, Americans everywhere will feel the impact—fewer medical breakthroughs, slower development of life-saving therapies, and weakened U.S. leadership in biomedical research.

I urge the HCOM to stand with science, ethics, and progress. Please publicly support ONPRC and reject the misleading attacks that threaten both Oregon's research leadership and the future of medical innovation. Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your commitment to facts, animal welfare and compassion, and Oregon's place as a leader in medical innovation.

Sincerely,

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