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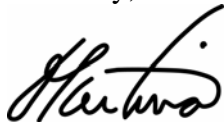
Dear Dr. Robertson:

My friends at PETA have drawn my attention to disturbing experiments that are being conducted at Oregon Health & Science University and Oregon State University. These experiments involve surgically installing an estrogen device in rams in an effort to alter gay sheep's sexual preferences and using drugs to alter sex hormones in fetal sheep.

How can it be that, in the year 2006, a major university would host such homophobic and cruel experiments? Justifications offered to PETA, which can only be surmised as an attempt to develop a prenatal treatment for various sexual conditions, are nonsense. I respectfully ask that you pull the plug on this appalling and misguided research. Surely you can find a way to redirect the millions of public tax dollars that are being wasted on these experiments to a more fruitful venture—perhaps by funding a gay and lesbian community center to foster dialogue and acceptance for people of all sexual preferences?

For the sake of the animals who will die unnecessarily in these experiments and for the many gays and lesbians who stand to be deeply offended by the social implications of these tests, I ask that you please end these studies at once. I can be reached via Karla Waples at 212-226-8247. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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