



*Taxpayers shouldn't be forced to pay \$20 billion+
for **wasteful** government animal experiments.*

November 1, 2021

Mr. Ronald A. Klain
Chief of Staff, The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Klain:

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters, White Coat Waste Project (WCW) writes to urge you to take action to end wasteful and cruel beagle experiments funded by the National Institutes for Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

On October 21, 2021, a bipartisan array of lawmakers sent a letter to Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of NIAID and President Biden's Chief Medical Advisor, expressing concern about painful, costly, and wasteful beagle experiments funded by NIAID.¹ Details about these experiments, including “de-barking” puppies — subsequently confirmed by NIAID representatives — have captured the public imagination, and have ignited relentless media coverage that continues to this day.

WCW is a non-partisan, single-issue nonprofit. Our sole focus is ending taxpayer-funded animal experimentation. We have not, and will not, opine on Dr. Fauci's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, nor are we calling for Dr. Fauci's resignation or termination. We are proud to be non-partisan, and have recently issued public statements to reaffirm that fact.² Our only interest is in ending taxpayer funding for NIAID's wasteful experimentation on dogs.

Our “#BeagleGate” investigations into NIAID experiments have united Americans across the political spectrum. Opposition to taxpayer-funded animal testing is neither a “blue” nor a “red” issue. A recent poll of 1,000 taxpayers found that 62% of Republicans and 64% of Independents supported defunding NIAID's wasteful and cruel dog experiments.³ Notably, 71% of Democrats agreed, proving that it is possible to stand in lockstep with Dr. Fauci on some issues, such as the pandemic response, while simultaneously opposing NIAID's abusive dog experiments. Indeed, various progressive-

¹ <https://blog.whitecoatwaste.org/2021/10/21/bipartisan-barking-democrats-republicans-hound-nih-on-beagle-gate-de-barking-experiments/>

² <https://blog.whitecoatwaste.org/2021/10/27/wcw-statement-on-beagle-gate-and-dr-fauci/>

³ <https://blog.whitecoatwaste.org/2021/10/20/poll-taxpayers-in-both-parties-howl-about-faucis-beagle-experiments/>

leaning animal rights groups, including PETA and Beagle Freedom Project, have also called for an end to NIAID's dog experiments.

We write with the greatest possible respect to encourage you to raise this issue with President Biden. Though it is infrequently utilized, executive authority can be invoked to terminate NIH grants. We hope you will encourage President Biden to use the full toolkit available to the President of the United States, and close the door on NIAID's long and sad history of dog experimentation.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,
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To stop taxpayer-funded animal experiments we must cut wasteful spending.
We find, expose, and defund government waste. Liberty lovers + animal lovers = innovation!