



**White Coat Waste Project**  
**Meeting with White House Domestic Policy Council**  
**January 7, 2020**  
**2:00p**  
**EEOB 230B**

Attendees

*White House Domestic Policy Council*

- **Gary Lawkowski** (Senior Policy Advisor)
- **Leslie (Les) Ford** (Special Assistant to POTUS for Domestic Policy)

*White Coat Waste Project*

- **Anthony Bellotti** (President and Founder, White Coat Waste Project)
- **Justin Goodman** (VP of Advocacy & Public Policy, White Coat Waste Project)
- **Louise Linton** (Founder, Louise Linton Charitable Fund)
- **Kia Freeman** (Louise Linton Charitable Fund)

Agenda

- **Introductions**
  
- **Recap of [historic wins](#) against taxpayer-funded animal tests in 2020 spending bills**
  - First time in history that POTUS set timelines for ending wasteful animal tests:
    - *VA*: Phase out dog, cat & primate tests by 2025 (Reps. Gaetz and Mast)
    - *FDA*: Develop strategy & timeline for reducing primate tests (Rep. Gaetz)
    - *NIH*: Report to Congress on efforts to reduce primate testing
  
- **AFTER Act (H.R.1155/S.2322)**
  - **PROBLEM**: WCW exposed agencies are killing healthy lab animals instead of adopting them out to taxpayers or sending to sanctuaries
  - **AFTER Act** would require all federal agencies to have policies allowing lab animal retirement
  - Leads: Sen. Collins (R-ME), McSally (R-AZ) & Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN)
  
- **Taxpayer-funded animal tests using human fetal tissue**
  - **PROBLEM**: [WCW exposed](#) that ~90% of taxpayer-funded HFT involves wasteful and unnecessary animal testing at a cost of over \$100M
  - WCW working with AUL and other pro-life orgs to put pressure on NIH
  - Lead: Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) & others working with WCW
  
- **Wasteful NIH-funded animal testing in foreign countries**
  - **PROBLEM**: [WCW exposed](#) that NIH is shipping \$20+ million annually to foreign countries for wasteful animal testing, including some of the richest countries in the world & rivals like Russia and China
  - Examples include addicting fish to nicotine & hooking monkeys on heroin
  - Lead: Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) is working with WCW to highlight this waste & abuse
  
- **COST Act (S.807)**
  - **PROBLEM**: Agencies & grantees are not transparent about how tax dollars are spent
  - **COST ACT** requires public disclosure about the cost of taxpayer-funded projects, and withholds funds for noncompliance
  - Lead: Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA)

**Subject:** RE: Follow-up Re: Mtg with Louise Linton  
**Date:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 5:23:29 PM Eastern Standard Time  
**From:** Lawkowski, Gary M. EOP/WHO  
**To:** Justin Goodman

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** [WARNING: UNSCANNABLE EXTRACTION FAILED][EXTERNAL] Follow-up Re: Mtg with Louise Linton

Hi Gary,

Thank you again for braving the bad weather last week and holding the meeting despite federal offices closing early. We're really grateful for your time and interest in our work. I've attached a PDF of the agenda with links to add'l info on the historic wins in the FY20 spending bill, the AFTER Act, human fetal tissue animal tests and foreign NIH-funded animal testing.

#### **NIH-funded animal research in foreign countries**

One of the issues you mentioned you were particularly interested in was NIH-funded animal tests in foreign countries. The NIH sent a total of \$339,000,000 to foreign countries in FY19 ([many concerns](#) have been raised by Sen. Grassley and others about this)

Given WCW's mission of ending wasteful taxpayer-funded animal testing, we've zeroed in on some of the animal testing being funded abroad. For instance, we've been working with Sen. Paul to expose NIH-funded [zebrafish nicotine addiction tests](#) in the UK. And late last month, we did an [exposé](#) focused on all of the UK projects being funded by NIH, including hooking monkeys on heroin and addicting pregnant animals to alcohol to cause birth defects.

*For FY19 alone, we've ID'd at least \$23M in obvious foreign animal testing grants in 22 different countries including: Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, France, Germany, Ghana, Israel, Italy, Madagascar, Netherlands, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Spain, St Kitts/Nevis, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia and the United Kingdom.*

**The NIH also has active approvals for institutions in Russia and China to get US funds for animal testing.**

We would love to continue the discussion about this and other issues we spoke about last week. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Justin

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**Justin Goodman, M.A.**

Vice President, Advocacy and Public Policy  
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