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Dr. Anthony Fauci
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Dr. Fauci,

I am deeply disturbed to learn about the housing of monkeys for testing purposes on Morgan Island in my district. This is especially troubling on the heels of revelations about NIAID's involvement in cruel and outdated testing on dogs that I contacted you about last month.

According to federal documents and media reports, over 3,500 monkeys currently live on Morgan Island and up to 600 each year are removed from the island for use in cruel taxpayer-funded experiments by NIAID, which spends millions of tax dollars annually to maintain the colony.^{1,2} Apparently, many of these experiments—which have been criticized by doctors and scientists—involve infecting the primates with debilitating and painful diseases and withholding pain relief.^{3,4}

Please provide my office with the following information by December 20th, 2021:

- An explanation of NIAID's involvement in operating and maintaining Morgan Island.
- The number of monkeys transported from Morgan Island to NIAID labs since January 1, 2020.

¹ Fairbanks, Cassandra. "EXCLUSIVE: Fauci's NIAID Funding Island of Monkeys in South Carolina Used for Horrific 'Maximum Pain' Experiments." TIMCAST, 17 Nov. 2021, www.timcast.com/news/exclusive-faucis-niaid-funding-island-of-monkeys-in-south-carolina-used-for-horrific-maximum-pain-experiments

² NIAID contract number HHSN272201800009C:
https://www.usaspending.gov/award/CONT_AWD_HHSN272201800009C_7529_-NONE_-NONE-

³ Webber, Jemima. "Millions Of Taxpayer Dollars Used To Fund 'Revolted' Experiments On Monkeys." Plant Based News, 19 Nov. 2021, www.plantbasednews.org/culture/ethics/taxpayer-dollars-experiments-monkeys.

⁴ Nieves, Amanda. "BIGGER THAN #BEAGLEGATE: DR. FAUCI'S MONKEY ISLAND OF DEATH." White Coat Waste Project, 18 Nov. 2021, www.blog.whitecoatwaste.org/2021/11/17/bigger-than-beagle-gate-dr-faucis-monkey-island-of-death.

- A complete accounting of all experiments performed on monkeys from Morgan Island by NIAID since January 1, 2020. For each project, please include the project name and number, abstract, location, cost to taxpayers, number of primates used, and the USDA pain category.
- The amount of taxpayer money NIAID spent to conduct and fund experiments on monkeys in FY20 and FY21.
- The Department of Veterans Affairs is currently working to phase-out its use of primates, dogs and cats by the end of 2025. What efforts, if any, is NIAID engaged in to seek alternatives to testing on dogs, cats and primates specifically?

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Mace". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Mace
Member of Congress