

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, Health and Human Services,  
Education, and Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Chairwoman DeLauro and Ranking Member Cole:

**As you begin work on the Fiscal Year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies bill, we request that the subcommittee include the following bill language to prohibit the National Institutes of Health (NIH) from funding animal research in Russia:**

*SEC. XXX. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to conduct or support, through grants, subgrants, contracts, cooperative agreements or other funding vehicles, research that involves testing on vertebrate animals that will be conducted in Russia.*

The NIH currently authorizes four Kremlin-run labs in Russia to receive taxpayer funding for animal research.<sup>1</sup> They are: the Gamaleya Research for Epidemiology and Microbiology; the Institute of Cytology and Genetics, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences; the Institute of Cytology of the Russian Academy of Sciences-Saint Petersburg; and the Pavlov Institute of Physiology of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

NIH funding for Russian government labs is not hypothetical. According to USASpending.gov and other sources, in November 2021, \$549,331 in NIH funding was subawarded to the Pavlov Institute for abusive experiments on cats.<sup>2,3</sup> An additional \$221,135 from the same grant was sent there in 2018.

Russian laboratories should not be receiving U.S. taxpayer dollars—nor be eligible to receive taxpayer dollars—while the country is despicably trying to overthrow, by military force, the government of our sovereign democratic ally, Ukraine.

Thank you for considering this request to block any further U.S. tax dollars from going to Russian research labs.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> <https://olaw.nih.gov/assured/app/index.html#ALL>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST\\_NON\\_R01NS100928\\_7529](https://www.usaspending.gov/award/ASST_NON_R01NS100928_7529)

<sup>3</sup> <https://freebeacon.com/latest-news/congress-puts-funding-for-russian-labs-in-crosshairs/>



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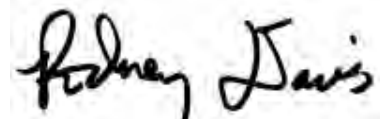
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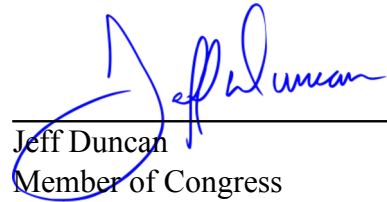
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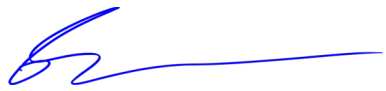
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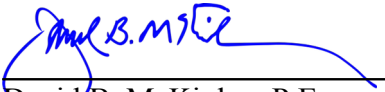
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