

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 8, 2025

The Honorable Jay Bhattacharya, M.D., Ph.D.
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National Institutes of Health
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RE: Terminating NIH Funding for Fauci Dog and Cat Experiments

Director Bhattacharya:

As Congress begins its work to implement the Trump Administration's request for a 40 percent cut to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) budget in Fiscal Year 2026, we are writing to request that the you immediately terminate funding for barbaric dog and cat experiments approved by Dr. Anthony Fauci and his Biden-era successors at the National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). Last year, we sent a letter asking Fauci's successor, Biden-Harris NIAID Director Dr. Jeanne Marrazzo, to cut funding for Fauci's animal labs, but the request was blatantly ignored.^{1,2} Since you recently closed the NIH's last in-house beagle lab, we are optimistic that we can work together to swiftly address this situation.³

We are sending this request with considerable urgency because numerous media reports and ongoing investigations by the non-profit group White Coat Waste, have documented how the NIH continues to renew and fund dozens of Dr. Fauci's disturbing experiments on dogs and cats in labs around the world, in which animals are infested with insects, infected with viruses, force-fed experimental drugs, and killed. Even U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy has repeatedly criticized Fauci's beagle labs in recent years.^{4, 5, 6}

In June 2024, Dr. Fauci admitted to the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability that he personally signed off on these egregious animal tests.⁷ Even though he retired at the end of 2022, many of these harmful experiments he approved are alive and well, with some scheduled to be funded through 2031.

¹ McDonald, Allison. (2024, September 24) "Citing WCW Investigations, Congress Demands Suspension of "Repulsive" Fauci-Funded Dog & Cat Testing." *White Coat Waste Project*. ([Blog](#))

² Van Natta, Eireann. (2024, September 24) "EXCLUSIVE: Fauci Funded Project to Poison Puppies, FOIA Docs Reveal." *Daily Caller*. ([Article](#))

³ Taylor, Scott. (2025, June 09) "NIH Planned to Keep Testing on Beagles Through 2026 Before Halting Experiments." *WJLA*. ([Article](#))

⁴ Kennedy Jr., Robert F. (2021, October 25) "Beyond #BeagleGate: Fauci's Long History of Atrocities, Including Torturing Children." *Children's Health Defense*. ([Article](#))

⁵ Kennedy Jr., R. [@RobertKennedyJr]. (2022, December 10) *A bipartisan group of 10 U.S. lawmakers are demanding answers from Dr. Anthony Fauci about taxpayer-backed "outdated, unnecessary, and cruel" medical experiments on dogs*. [[Post](#)]. X.

⁶ Kennedy Jr., R. [@RobertKennedyJr]. (2022, May 26) *A division of NIH run by Dr. Anthony Fauci allocated \$1,836,453 in taxpayer dollars to test an experimental hay fever drug on dogs, rats and mice, according to documents released Monday by the White Coat Waste Project*. [[Post](#)]. X.

⁷ Cox, Hannah. (2024, June 05) "Don't Let Dems Gaslight You – Fauci Absolutely Tortured Beagles." *Daily Caller*. ([Article](#))

Included in this ongoing list is a set of Fauci-funded experiments at the University of Missouri-Columbia where 400 beagle puppies are being infested with ticks for painful research, including tests in which pain relief is intentionally withheld.⁸ This project is being funded by four separate NIH, totaling in \$13.1 million of taxpayers' money to date.^{9, 10, 11, 12} Two of these Fauci-funded NIAID grants for this beagle lab were renewed during your tenure as NIH director, in April and June of this year.

This beagle lab is one of the troubling projects we flagged in our letter to the Biden-Harris NIH last year. Another is an active \$3.1 million NIAID grant that is being used to infect healthy cats with COVID and kill them.^{13, 14}

Previous investigations have prompted the cancellation of several dog and cat labs approved and funded by Dr. Fauci because they were subsequently revealed to be completely unnecessary.^{15, 16} It is time to end this waste and abuse for good. The Trump Administration's U.S. Navy just banned dog and cat research, and the NIH should follow suit.¹⁷

We request the NIH immediately terminate all NIAID grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other funding for dog and cat research approved between November 2, 1984, when Fauci became NIAID chief, until your start date of March 31, 2025, and prohibit all future NIH funding for harmful dog and cat testing.

Additionally, we request a list of all active grants, contracts, and other funding for dog and cat experiments from NIAID and other NIH divisions. For each project, please include:

- The start date and current end dates,
- Cost to taxpayers to date,
- USDA pain category,
- Number of animals proposed,
- Funding recipient, and
- Location of such research, including the city, state, and country.

⁸ MacDonald, Cassandra. "EXCLUSIVE: NIH Renews Grants for Harvard Monkey Lab, Fauci's Beagle and Primate Tests." *The Gateway Pundit*. ([Article](#))

⁹ Ganta, Roman R. Genetics and Axenic Growth of Tick-borne E. Chaffeensis and A. Phagocytophilum. University of Missouri-Columbia. 2024, July 15. Project Number: R01AI182519 ([Project Details](#))

¹⁰ Ganta, Roman R. Vector and Host Contributions to the Regulation of E. Chaffeensis Gene. University of Missouri-Columbia. 2023, July 06. Project Number: R01AI070908 ([Project Details](#))

¹¹ Ganta, Roman R. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Vaccine Development. University of Missouri-Columbia. 2023, August 03. Project Number: R01AI152417 ([Project Details](#))

¹² Ganta, Roman R. Vaccines Against Ehrlichia and Anaplasma Species Infections. University of Missouri-Columbia. 2024, May 15. Project Number: R01AI152418 ([Project Details](#))

¹³ Fang, Ying. Novel Diagnostic Tools and Animal Model System for Study Human/Animal Interface of COVID-19. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 2024, July 25. Project Number: 5R01AI166791-04 ([Project Details](#))

¹⁴ Nieves, Amanda. (2024, June 07) "WCW Investigation Reveals Fauci-Funded COVID Experiments on Cats." *White Coat Waste Project*. ([Article](#))

¹⁵ Kredo, Adam. (2022, July 5) "NIH Nixes 'Painful' Puppy Experiments After Free Beacon Report." *The Washington Free Beacon*. ([Article](#))

¹⁶ Taylor, Scott. (2024, May 31) "Deadly Kitten Experiments Funded by NIH at UC-Davis Halted After White Coat Inquiry." *WJLA*. ([Article](#))

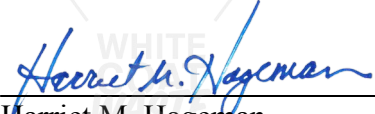
¹⁷ Phelan, J. [@SECNAV]. (2025, May 27). *Today it gives me great pleasure to terminate all Department of the Navy's testing on cats and dogs, ending these inhumane practices and saving taxpayer dollars. This is long overdue. I commend @POTUS @SecDef and @DOGE for bringing this to light.* [[Post](#)]. X.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. We respectfully request a response by July 31, 2025, to ensure we are delivering on the President's promise to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



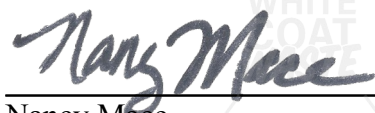
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