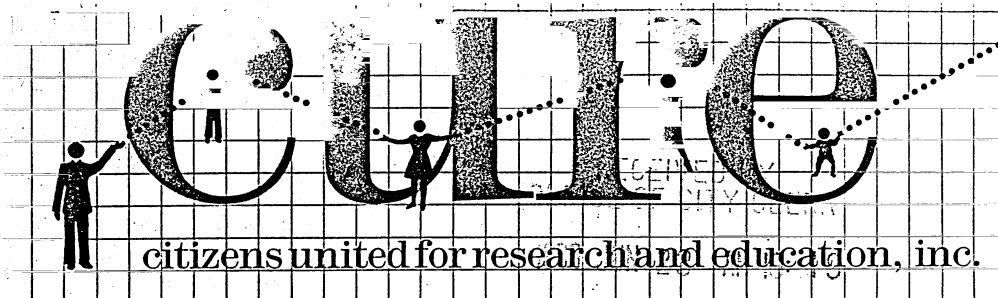


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CAMBRIDGE, MA.
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Sent to all Councillors

Mayor Alfred E. Vellucci
Cambridge City Hall
795 Massachusetts Avenue
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Dear Mayor Vellucci:

As Chairman of Citizens United for Research and Education, Inc. (C.U.R.E.), an organization of Cambridge citizens and institutions supporting animal research, I urge you to adopt the recommendations of the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Committee for the regulation of institutions performing biomedical research using animals in Cambridge. These recommendations which were drafted by the City Solicitor on June 15 in cooperation with the members of the Blue Ribbon Committee are reasonable and will allow important animal research to continue in Cambridge while assuring the city that it is being carried out in a responsible manner.

The results of the Blue Ribbon Committee investigation have proven that Cambridge institutions now are carrying out high quality animal care and that city regulation is clearly not necessary to ensure that such high quality care continues. However, the Cambridge research institutions are not only supporting such regulation, but are willing to pay for it through registration fees, in order to ensure that future allegations of inhumane treatment of research animals, such as those made falsely last year, can be quickly shown to be untrue because a city official will then have first hand knowledge about animal research in Cambridge.

I would also urge you to support the proposal by Drs. Moses and Wiles concerning the manner of selecting the unaffiliated members of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees required under federal law.

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Federal law requires the Chief Executive Officer of each medical research institution to name all members of the animal care committee including the unaffiliated member. The proposal of Drs. Moses and Wiles would additionally require that a Cambridge official, the Commissioner for Laboratory Animals, approve the unaffiliated member selected by the institution.

The proposal of the animal rights member of the Blue Ribbon Committee, Mr. Wise, is contrary to federal law. He proposes that the Commissioner for Laboratory Animals name an animal advocate as the unaffiliated member. Federal law requires that committee members be named by the institutional Chief Executive Officer and that Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees be responsible for approving proposals for the use of research animals. These committees are not the appropriate place for debates about whether or not animal research should be done. Having individuals on these committees who believe that it is wrong, and are philosophically opposed to animal research could disrupt the workings of these committees and consequently disrupt important research.

In my own practice at Children's Hospital, I see first hand the extraordinary benefits in the treatment of children that have resulted from past animal research. I hope you will ensure that this research continues by supporting the Blue Ribbon Committee recommendations and the amendment by Drs. Moses and Wiles.

Sincerely,



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In City Council,

June 26, 1989

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