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Dear Dr. Li,

I have received your response, dated September 17, to my letter of August 24, 2004 (attached), detailing my experiences working with rats and mice at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Unfortunately, your letter did not address my main point: the fact that the even if the studies that I witnessed are “conducted strictly according to protocol and within the bounds of law—they stand no chance of benefiting humans suffering from alcoholism.”

You wrote that “OLAW is the office with responsibility, authority, and resources for investigating animal welfare issues.” PETA is well aware of this fact, which is the reason that my letter did not mention anything remotely pertaining to the extensive animal welfare concerns that I documented at UNC. Instead, PETA is asking that you act on your claim that “NIAAA is committed to ensuring ... that all animal experimentation contributes significantly to our understanding of human illness and disease” by **reviewing the evidence of federally funded UNC researchers conducting experiments on animals that they themselves admit are “crap,” “bullshit,” and “pointless” and reallocating funding in order to benefit real-life human alcoholics.**

I will be more than happy to speak with you further or to provide you with any documentation of the information I have provided. Thank you for taking this matter seriously.

Respectfully yours,



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