

PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

April 9, 2020

Mr. Jack Dorsey
CEO and Cofounder, Twitter
CEO and Founder, Square

Dear Mr. Dorsey,

On behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 6.5 million members and supporters worldwide, we thank you for your generous commitment to donate \$1 billion for global COVID-19 relief. Your assistance will mean a world of difference to so many people affected by this pandemic. As this issue is evolving, and you may continue to donate, we urge you to ensure that your generosity will not be wasted on COVID-19 research involving the use of animals.

For decades now, scientists have been documenting the failure of experiments on animals to lead to treatments for human disease. The U.S. National Institutes of Health reports that new drugs fail in humans 95% of the time after being found safe and effective in animals and that experiments on animals suffer from poor reproducibility, a critical factor in assessing the validity of results.

Despite years of effort, experiments on animals have not produced vaccines for SARS or MERS and there is no logical scientific reason to believe that they will help produce the diagnostics, therapies, and vaccines needed to combat the novel coronavirus and COVID-19. Notably, many animals who carry the novel coronavirus do not contract COVID-19 or manifest the illness as humans do.

Rigorous, human-relevant science is a life-or-death issue. Scientists from PETA have prepared "The Research Modernization Deal," a report that details how the use of animals has failed biomedical research, delayed treatments, and wasted significant time and money. It offers a strategy for identifying and eliminating funding for methods that are known to fail and refocusing resources on more promising areas. You can find a copy of the Research Modernization Deal [here](#).

Can we count on you to assure the public that your generous donation will fund only human-relevant, non-animal research?

Our scientists are available to assist you with any questions or concerns about this issue. Thank you.

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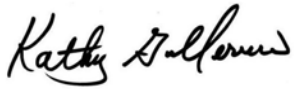
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathy Guillermo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathy" and last name "Guillermo" clearly distinguishable.

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