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The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard
Ranking Member, House Subcommittee on
Homeland Security
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Representative Roybal-Allard:

This is an update on the Coast Guard's re-examination of the use of live animals for tactical medical training.

As discussed in Rear Admiral Nadeau's letter dated February 24, 2017, a Tactical Medical Working Group reviewed tactical medical training practices for Coast Guard personnel, Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense policies, and advancements in medical training technology, and determined that live-tissue training should be discontinued in favor of medical simulator alternative training. The Deputy Commandant for Operations immediately approved the Working Group's recommendation and announced the end of live-tissue training to all Coast Guard personnel on 28 June 2017.

I am confident that the advancements in medical simulation will increase the quality of tactical medical training of our Coast Guard members.

The Coast Guard House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775 would be pleased to respond to any further questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael P. Ryan".

Michael P. Ryan
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
Assistant Commandant for Capability