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Dear President Boyd, Mr. Compton, and Dr. Buckley:

Thank you for the opportunity offered to PETA's senior scientist for science advancement and outreach, Dr. Emily Trunnell, and PETA's manager of campaigns, Tricia Lebkuecher, to address the Board of Trustees during its winter meeting in Chattanooga earlier today regarding our request that the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) end its use of animals in emergency medical training.

At the conclusion of Ms. Lebkuecher's address to the board, Chancellor Buckley thanked her for her presentation and followed up by asking whether PETA would support UTHSC's transition to animal-free simulators, to which she naturally agreed. Furthermore, in a subsequent private conversation, Mr. Compton reportedly told Ms. Lebkuecher that this troubling issue of using animals for emergency medical training "will be resolved."

Would you please confirm that UTHSC will now prohibit the use of animals in its emergency medicine training in favor of exclusively animal-free, human-relevant training methods? To reiterate, we are ready to support and help collaborate on this transition, and we would welcome a conference call to discuss this important issue.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope to hear from you soon.

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