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Dear Mr. Su,

Thank you in advance for your time. I am writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals—PETA entities have more than 10.4 million members and supporters globally. We would like to express our gratitude for the Ministry of Agriculture’s efforts in improving the function of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees (IACUC) and consequently the lives of animals used for experiments in Taiwan, and we would like to encourage you to finalize the draft regulation, the “Regulations on the Establishment and Management of Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees or Panels” (實驗動物照護及使用委員會或小組設置及管理辦法第二條、第六條、第六條之一修正草案), in its current form.

The previous version of this regulation did not give the IACUCs the power to withhold approval of any animal use applications when the institutions are not in compliance with relevant animal welfare regulations and receive poor inspection grades. The added clause 6.1 makes it mandatory that the IACUCs do so. We hope that this will increase peer pressure and self-reflections, facilitate discussions and mutual supervision among experimenters, and compel all relevant personnel to follow the guidelines. Taiwan will be a global leader in this regard if this mechanism is put in place.

The previous version of this regulation also did not mention that institutional funding and inspections can be affected by the IACUCs’ failure to fulfill their duties. The amended clause 6 makes this explicit. We hope that this will compel IACUCs to take their responsibilities seriously.

If the Taiwan Ministry of Agriculture ever needs assistance with modernizing regulations or have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us. You can contact me at [FrancesC@peta.org](mailto:FrancesC@peta.org). Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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