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# Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology

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Dear Dr. Pope,

On behalf of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology’s (FASEB’s) 23 scientific societies and over 100,000 members, I am writing to you regarding Senators Udall, Bingaman, and Harkin’s request that the Institute of Medicine (IOM) study the current and future need for chimpanzees in biomedical research. FASEB is pleased that IOM will be leading this important study. We recognize IOM’s expertise in health science policy, and we believe that IOM is the best group to lead an in-depth, objective analysis on the scientific basis for the continued use of chimpanzees in biomedical research. We also appreciate the importance of periodically evaluating the scientific need for model organisms with which scientists work.

With the assumption that the study will be conducted under the auspices of the Board on Health Sciences Policy, we would like to provide you with the names of some scientists with expertise on the issue and who we believe would make excellent committee chairs.

- Dr. Peter Kim, President, Merck Research Laboratories; 2011 IOM Council Member
- Dr. Stuart Zola, Professor, Emory University School of Medicine; Director, Yerkes National Primate Research Center
- Dr. Stanley Lemon, Professor, University of North Carolina School of Medicine
- Dr. Charles Rice, Professor, The Rockefeller University; Member of the National Academy of Sciences
- Dr. Robert Shade, Associate Scientific Officer, Texas Biomedical Research Institute
- Dr. Philip Pizzo, Dean and Professor, Stanford University School of Medicine; 2011 IOM Council Member

Dr. Kim and Dr. Pizzo are 2011 IOM Council Members, Dr. Rice is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, and Dr. Lemon has been involved in multiple IOM studies. In addition, Drs. Rice and Lemon are both internationally recognized for their work on hepatitis C. If you would like additional biographical information

on the others, please let us know.

On behalf of the FASEB community, thank you for considering these suggestions. We would welcome the opportunity to engage in further discussion with you on this important topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William T. Talman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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