

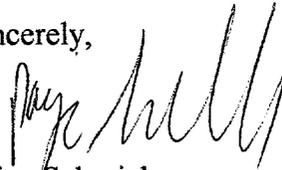
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to inform you that I am against any xenotransplant research. Responsible health authorities would ban all xenotransplants outright, regardless of the species, particularly because of the threats on inter-species virus transmission. Also, pigs are being considered as the source animal of choice for xenotransplants but there is no evidence that pigs are any safer than nonhuman primates. Pig viruses are just as dangerous as nonhuman primate viruses. The United States should follow Europe's lead. In January 1999, the Council of Europe, representing 40 European countries, recommended a world-wide ban on xenotransplants. There are safer and more humane alternatives to xenotransplantation, such as aggressively promoting preventive medicine and increasing human organ donation rates. I hope that this letter finds open ears and open minds

Sincerely,



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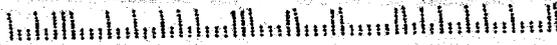
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