Jan. 24, 2024

The Honorable Reggie Miller Chair, Agriculture Committee Michigan House of Representatives

RE: Support for House Bill 4849

Dear Chair Miller and Members of the Committee:

As a child of Detroit, former Wayne State student, and animal lover, I am writing to wholeheartedly endorse House Bill 4849.

Ever since I first learned of the horrific experiments conducted on dogs at my alma mater, I have hoped the university would make the compassionate and scientifically correct decision to end them. But since that doesn't appear likely, I am overjoyed to see that Rep. Koleszar's bill is being given serious consideration.

This legislation reflects the values I have always seen in the compassionate people of Michigan. There can be no doubt that the public is opposed to the use of dogs in painful, taxpayer-funded experiments.

This is not simply an issue of Wayne State. When our public institutions inflict pain on dogs, they do so in our names, and they erode the trust that we place in them.

I hope you will support House Bill 4849 and work to make it law.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Lily Tomlin