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Happy Monday, Bill!

I have some BIG news to start the week: **Following a relentless WCW campaign, the Biden Administration has [defunded Putin's kitten tests and ALL animal testing labs in Russia!](#)**

Some quick background:

- 🇷🇺💰🧬 In 2021, our [Worldwide Waste investigation](#) first uncovered how the US NIH was shipping tax dollars to Kremlin-run Russian animal labs (and hundreds of other foreign labs) for wasteful experiments with virtually no oversight.
- 🦴🐱💉 In early 2022, a week after Russia invaded Ukraine, [we exposed](#) how the NIH sent \$770,000 to the state-run Pavlov Institute of Physiology for experiments in which dozens of healthy cats had their brains damaged, had electrodes implanted into their spines, and were forced to walk on a treadmill. The project was slated to be funded through May 2023.
- 🗳️🏛️ We've since been working with our millions of grassroots supporters and Congress on bipartisan efforts to push Congress and the Administration to defund Russian animal labs.

[Read more here](#) about how we found, exposed and defunded Russian animal labs! *As far as we know, this is the first time ever that the US government has defunded animal labs across an entire country.*

Below are statements from WCW, Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI) and Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA).

Happy to answer any questions if you're interested in covering.

Thanks!

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Statement from Anthony Bellotti, Founder and President at government watchdog White Coat Waste Project

"Over 75% of Republicans and Democrats agree: taxpayers shouldn't be forced to pay millions to Putin's white coats to torture animals in wasteful experiments— and now, following our campaign, they won't have to. Our Worldwide Waste investigation first exposed the NIH's wasteful spending at a Kremlin-run lab that mutilated kittens, damaged their brains, and forced cats to run on treadmills. We applaud President Biden for subsequently defunding every single animal experiment across Russia, and we thank Rep. Lisa McClain, Sen. Joni Ernst, and bipartisan leaders in Congress for working with us to save U.S. tax dollars, protect national security, and end animal abuse by cutting off all foreign enemies' labs. The solution is simple: Stop the money. Stop the madness!"

Statement from Rep. Lisa McClain (R-MI), Chairwoman, Oversight Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services

"Having led Congressional efforts over the past year to stop the flow of taxpayer dollars to Russia's inhumane and unaccountable animal testing labs, I'm proud that the Biden Administration finally listened to reason and halted this wasteful and dangerous spending. I will continue to be a steward of taxpayer funds and plan to re-introduce my bill the AFAR Act to make sure that not a single tax dollar is sent to animal experimentation labs in Russia, China and other adversarial nations that want to harm us."

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Statement from Sen. Joni Ernst (R-IA), Chairwoman, Republican Policy Committee

“This is a great first step, but we need to claw back much more money. If the administration doesn’t stop funding foreign labs owned and operated by our adversaries like Russia and China, I plan to introduce legislation to do just that.”

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*Taxpayers shouldn’t be forced to pay \$20 billion+
for **wasteful** government animal experiments.*

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