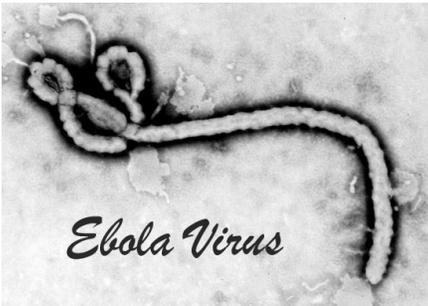


Bio-terrorism in your backyard?

OHSU has applied for grants totaling \$200 million dollars of federal tax money from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to build a biodefense lab at their primate research center in Hillsboro. This would be a Biosafety Level 4 laboratory, the highest level of biological security, which would house the most virulent contagions such as Ebola, anthrax, smallpox and Hantavirus. Some of these deadly diseases can be transmitted by air and have no available vaccine or treatment.



The NIH has stated that local public acceptance of the lab will be taken into consideration when awarding the grants. Make it known that Oregonians do not welcome this project. Please join other concerned citizens at a public meeting to speak out against the proposed lab.

What: Community Planning Organization (CPO #9) July meeting

When: Monday, July 28th at 7 PM

Where: Public Services Building 155 N. 1st Ave., Hillsboro, OR 97123
Cafeteria (go in through the back door)

The Portland area's silence on the proposed biodefense lab makes us very good candidates for it. Since the NIH is taking into consideration public response in their granting decision, which should be made this September, now is the time to make your voice heard! The University of California, Davis, is one of the institutions that applied for these grants. Because of overwhelming public outcry, Davis Mayor Susie Boyd reversed her original position and will oppose the project. Boyd drafted a letter to the NIH stating the lab would be unwelcome. The opposition to the lab was fueled by the recent unexplained disappearance of a monkey from their facility, fears that the lab could become a terrorism target or that a deadly virus could be smuggled out.



Contact the following and tell them that you will not accept this dangerous, wasteful project.

Let them know that you are opposed to this lab going into a populated area in Oregon under the supervision of a primate lab with a history of losing monkeys, ignoring safety protocols and risking public safety.

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