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Jeff Ver Steeg
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Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Via e-mail: jeff.ver_steeg@state.co.us

Dear Director Ver Steeg,

I hope this correspondence, written on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 6.5 million members and supporters, finds you well. Thank you again for investigating the activities of Colorado State University experimenter Gregory Ebel, at PETA's request, and for exposing Ebel's illegal capture of 37 American crows in 2018. I am writing today to request that your agency investigate matters related to Ebel's capture of 32 American robins in 2019—and to take appropriate action in accordance with legal and ethical considerations.

As you know, on April 4, 2019, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) cited Ebel for unlawfully capturing 37 crows in 2018 without a valid license, which is required by law, and on April 19, 2019, suspended his license to trap birds in 2019 (#19TRb2106), which had "authorized the collection and possession of" American crows and American robins.

Following CPW's investigation, PETA obtained documents in response to a Colorado Open Records Act request revealing that Ebel had captured 32 American robins in February 2019 to be infected and/or killed in his laboratory. However, with the suspension of his 2019 license, he does not have the necessary authorization to have possession of them. We therefore ask that, if any of the 32 robins trapped by Ebel in February are currently still alive, CPW seize them and transfer them to a reputable wildlife rehabilitation facility.

Thank you very much for your time. I would be happy to discuss this matter with you further by phone or in person.

Sincerely,

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