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Dear Dr. Taylor:

Thank you for your letter regarding scientific collecting permits held by Johns Hopkins University. Our department looked into the matter. As a result of our review, we found that Dr. Mysore's original scientific collecting permit expired on December 31, 2014. A few years later, Dr. Mysore reapplied for a scientific collecting permit, which was awarded.

Based on the concerns raised by PETA that Dr. Mysore conducted research without the scientific collecting permit during the time it had lapsed, we have advised Dr. Mysore in a letter dated March 4, 2021 that he will need to renew the permit annually and that operating under an inactive permit is a violation and subject to potential enforcement action and foreclosure of the research project.

In the future, should you believe that violations are occurring at this facility or any other facility with a Maryland scientific collection permit, I would encourage you to notify our department immediately. Our department takes animal welfare very seriously and has the authority to investigate. However timely receipt of information is critical to ensure a complete investigation is conducted within the timeframe outlined in Maryland law.

Thank you again for your letter. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me or Allan Fisher, Deputy Secretary, at 410-260-8117 or [allan.fisher@maryland.gov](mailto:allan.fisher@maryland.gov).

Thank you,

Jeannie Haddaway-Riccio  
Secretary

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