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Dear Dr. Lacreuse:

As you likely know, I am PETA's Chief Scientist, a neuroscientist, and a former National Institutes of Health clinical researcher. In the [Massachusetts Daily Collegian article](#) published on December 29<sup>th</sup>, we noted that you “would welcome PETA representatives to see the lab” and would like to take you up on this offer. Given the number of times university officials have ignored our requests to discuss our concerns about the marmosets, as well as the resistance we have received from your laboratory to release any videos of the marmosets to PETA (as you know, PETA is having to sue the university to obtain public records), we were pleasantly surprised that you would welcome us into the laboratory to view the animals themselves.

We understand that the tour given to the reporters involved viewing the marmosets in their “home” cages and feeding marshmallows to the marmosets. However, our concern is not whether the marmosets occasionally receive tasty treats. We are concerned that they never get to experience the warmth of the sun, sleep in trees with their families, or have any autonomy at all. We are also concerned about the various procedures the marmosets experience in your laboratory. Therefore, as part of the tour, we would like to witness the marmosets during your current experimental procedures and be allowed to take photos and/or videos of anything of concern. This will also resolve your concerns about PETA relying on photographs from similar procedures done in other facilities rather than photos directly from your laboratory.

PETA's primate scientist Dr. Lisa Jones-Engel and I are willing to rearrange our schedules to come anytime within the next two months. Please let us know what day will work for the tour as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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