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Hi Caroline and Ethan,

I thought you might be interested in this. My main concern is water first and foremost but I found this very disturbing.

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Save Waldingfield from Animal Testing

This week a letter appeared in this publication with the headline "Save Waldingfield from what?".

Opponents of a corporate campus on Waldingfield Road have already given a number of good reasons to oppose ORA Inc's proposal including the increased traffic on a designated scenic byway, THE BURDEN TO A WATER SYSTEM ALREADY IN CRISES and that a large corporate campus is inappropriate to even consider putting on one of the most pristine and scenic roads on the North Shore.

However, one reason for Ipswich and the Planning Board to reject the Ora Inc. proposal that has not been discussed is animal cruelty. (Equine research will also take place at the proposed facility)

Ora has talked a lot about their campus being used as utopian haven for its employees to take yoga classes and drink lattes while riding horses in an idyllic setting. They have outlined plans to renovate the stables and have talked about having equine veterinary facilities but have very much minimized the animal research aspect of their proposal.

ORA is widely known for its animal research and they may be able to claim that there may be beneficial results from some of it. They employ doctors who are renowned for their equine research. While some of these doctors may have respectable reputations, ORA Inc's reputation in

the area of animal testing is not at all good. ORA's Andover, Mass. facility has been cited by the United States Department of Agriculture for animal cruelty from April 30th to May 5th 2021. Their report stated "The USDA inspector observed research staff conducting an unapproved procedure, directed by the principal investigator, on April 27, 2022. The principal investigator and research staff failed to follow the IACUC approved protocol when animals were observed in pain and distress on April 27, 2022"

In June 1, 2022 the animal rights organization PETA posted an article on ORA's animal abuses citing the FDA's reporting of ORA's animal rights abuses:

"Injecting chemicals into the eyes of rabbits is business as usual for Andover-based Ora Inc., but incompetence and a culture of disregard add to the animals' suffering. It's a nonstop horror show for the rabbits trapped inside the company's laboratories, as scalpel-wielding experimenters routinely flout minimum animal welfare laws and treat the animals like test tubes with tails. In 2021, Ora used 378 rabbits in experiments—animals who feel pain and value their lives just as much as any of the company's executives do—so Ora would do well to modernize its testing program by leaving archaic and cruel animal tests behind and using only sophisticated, human-relevant testing methods."

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I hope that many of my neighbors who have been impressed by ORA's beautiful words and presentations will look more deeply into this before allowing ORA to open any facilities in Ipswich and I hope that the Ipswich Planning Board will take animal welfare into account when deciding if ORA is indeed a benefit or a source of shame to the community.

Joyce Farnham Kippin

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