

October 1, 2009

The Honorable Luis G. Fortuño
Governor of Puerto Rico
Palacio de La Fortaleza
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Governor Fortuño,

I am disappointed to learn from my friends at PETA that a company called Bioculture is proposing to build a large monkey facility in Guayama, where it plans to breed thousands of these intelligent animals and lock them in cages before sending them off to laboratories around the world to be used in painful, deadly experiments. Won't you please use your influence as governor and stop this from happening on our beautiful island?

I have been informed that an international coalition of groups—including PETA, the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, the Humane Society of the United States, the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection, and the International Primate Protection League—has formed to oppose the construction. Public opinion polls have also shown that most Puerto Ricans are strongly opposed to Bioculture's plans.

Even the mayor of Guayama, Glorimari Jaime, has expressed her concern: "If my people do civil disobedience against this [Bioculture] project, I will be there to support them. ... I want you to know that I have never given a sign to endorse this project. Everything was done by the previous administration." Please don't allow Puerto Rico to be associated with a facility that profits from extreme animal abuse.

Thank you for your time and attention. I can be reached through PETA's Michelle Cho at [REDACTED], extension [REDACTED], or [REDACTED]. I look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. del Toro', written in a cursive style.

Benicio del Toro