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Dear Dr Fauci,

I am writing to you on behalf of hundreds of thousands of Americans who are deeply concerned with several Ebola vaccines currently under both independent and joint development with the NIH/NIAID.

We are aware that GSK/NIAID is developing their Ebola using Procell92 a derivative of the aborted fetal cell line, HEK-293. NewLink Genetics EBOV-VSV is likewise using HEK-293. Johnson & Johnson/Crucell is developing theirs using aborted fetal cell line PER C6. Yet we also know there are non-problematic cell lines that are equally effective and could easily be used instead.

In fact, the hEbola Patent filed by the US Department of Health US20120251502 A1 expressly notes using yeast, insect, plant, bacteria, CHO, BHK, heLa and COS, further observing that, "The attenuated virus can replicate well in a cell line that lacks interferon functions, such as Vero cells." Tekmira, a Canadian company is likewise using Vero cells for their Ebola therapeutic.

In that there are other equally viable or better alternatives that could be utilized, we are asking for your help to ensure that the aborted fetal cell lines are not used in the finalized versions of these vaccines, or at least, that an alternative source will also be employed.

I am asking you to consider the outcome if the only vaccines we have during an outbreak of Ebola is produced using aborted fetal cell lines and hundreds of thousands of Americans refuse it. That prospect means there will be unavoidable contamination and death which is not only frightening, it is unnecessary.

Please let me know the direction you will take in this concern. Thank you for your kind consideration of this most important matter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Sylvia Burwell, Sect HHS
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