

August 27, 2014

To: M. Roy Wilson, M.D., M.S., president of Wayne State University

Dear Dr. Wilson,

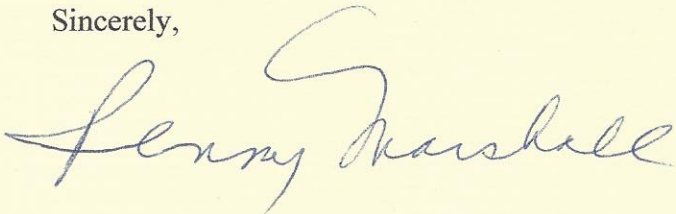
I still remember the episode on the hit TV sitcom *Laverne & Shirley* in which my character, Laverne, and her friend Shirley handcuffed themselves to a dog destined for euthanasia at the pound in an effort to save his life. The dog was ultimately spared and found a loving home by the end of the episode.

Tragically, a dog given my character's name—as well as many others like her—met the opposite fate in horrific heart failure experiments at Wayne State University. I am writing to urge you to immediately end these cruel, unnecessary experiments and instead focus on human-relevant research. Two decades of these experiments—which have not translated into benefits for Americans suffering from heart disease—is quite enough.

Researchers have gained far greater insight into the causes of heart failure from epidemiological studies such as the Framingham Study and the Methodist study. In addition, human-relevant basic science studies and human clinical trials offer reliable information about this problem and other cardiac disorders.

Before they were killed at Wayne State, dogs named Laverne, Shirley, and Squiggy endured invasive surgeries and suffered a great deal of trauma and pain. Please see that Wayne State no longer subjects dogs like them to such cruel experiments and instead focuses on improving human health.

Sincerely,



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