



# NONHUMAN RIGHTS PROJECT

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Dear Mr. Wagman:

I am writing in regard to two of Project Chimps' residents, Hercules and Leo, who have been clients of the Nonhuman Rights Project since 2013 when we brought habeas corpus petitions on their behalf demanding recognition of their right to bodily liberty and release from a Stony Brook University basement laboratory to an accredited chimpanzee sanctuary. We remain their attorney of record, and the New York appellate process remains available to us in their case.

It has come to our attention from multiple sources that Hercules and Leo lack daily access to the outdoor habitat at Project Chimps. We understand they can only access the outdoor habitat for a few hours every three days and are otherwise confined to an indoor housing structure and outdoor enclosed porch.

If this is untrue, please tell us what access they have to the outdoor habitat.

If this is true, it is detrimental to both their mental and physical health and therefore unacceptable to us.

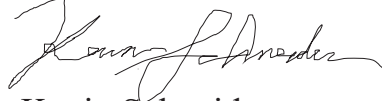
Accordingly, we respectfully request that Hercules and Leo, along with their social group if appropriate and possible, begin receiving daily access to the outdoor habitat, or, if this is not possible at Project Chimps, that they be transferred as soon as possible to a sanctuary that does allow them daily access to the outdoors.

I respectfully remind you that Steven Wise corresponded with you several times in July of 2016 asking that you work with the NhRP to have Hercules and Leo sent to Save the Chimps, where they would have had nearly unfettered access to the outdoors. Project Chimps, however, prevented that from occurring.

We ask that you confirm, by email to me within thirty days, either that Hercules and Leo already have nearly unfettered access to the outdoors or, if they do not, that you are prepared to provide it to them and the means by which you will do so.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin Schneider", written in a cursive style.

Kevin Schneider

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