

The Center For Consumer Freedom

April 5, 2007

Speaker Nancy Pelosi
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

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The Cancer Project is run by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM). Both *Newsweek* and *The New York Times* have exposed PCRM as an animal rights advocacy group that poses as a mainstream medical association. And despite the group’s deceptive name, less than four percent of PCRM’s members are actually physicians.

PCRM is itself affiliated with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), and both groups oppose modern cancer research on animal-rights grounds. PCRM president Neal Barnard was until recently also the president of the PETA Foundation. Barnard, also the Cancer Project’s president, has been nominated to the “Animal Rights Hall of Fame,” was a contributing editor of *The Animal Agenda* magazine, and co-signed letters with the president of Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty, an anti-medical-research thug convicted on federal terrorism charges last year.

Because they believe it is morally wrong for humans to use animals for *any* purpose, PCRM and PETA advocate for the complete elimination of animal products from the American diet. The Cancer Project is a tool used to promote this agenda, and misleadingly claims that a strict vegan diet is the best way to minimize cancer risks. That assertion runs contrary to the dietary advice from a number of well-regarded medical institutions, including the American Cancer Society, the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation, and the American Institute for Cancer Research.

If you’d like more information about the Cancer Project or the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, feel free to contact me personally. More information is available online at <http://www.PhysicianScam.com>.

Sincerely,



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Leader John Boehner
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