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Dear Editors Farberman and Martin,

There is a story that I would like you to consider for the *APA Monitor* that is of vital interest to the *American Psychological Association* and the broader BioBehavioral Sciences.

As a matter of introduction, I am a retired developmental neuropsychologist and cross-cultural psychologist with a doctorate in psychology from McGill University (1964). A brief bio-sketch is attached for your review and I was Past-President, Maryland Psychological Association (1971).

I was previously Health Scientist Administrator, Developmental Behavioral Biology Program, *National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, NIH* (1966-1980) where I established the NICHD's programs on child abuse and neglect and developmental origins of violence.

I am requesting from you and the *American Psychological Association* that you call for Congressional hearings concerning the substance of the letter of 22 December 2014 to Dr. Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., Director, NIH, that has expressed concern about the merit of primate maternal-infant separation research by Congressmen/Women Lucille Roybal-Allard; Dina Titus; Eliot Engel; and Sam Farr (attached). On October 26, 1982, in an address **Violence and Public Health**, before the *American Academy of Pediatrics*, PHS Surgeon GENERAL KOOP stated:

“violence,

one of the most extensive and chronic epidemics in the Public Health of this country" did not recognize the NIH April 1994 publication "**Report of the Panel on NIH Research on Antisocial, Aggressive, and Violence-Related Behaviors and their Consequences**" that stated

*To date, investment across all Institutes and ICDS in violence-related research has been minuscule relative to the total NIH budget (i.e.0.5%)."*View Page [138](#)

[http://www.violence.de/history/NIHR\\_1994.html](http://www.violence.de/history/NIHR_1994.html)

<http://tffuture.org/blog/1181/betrayal-abused-and-neglected-children-mothers>

<http://tffuture.org/blog/1181/another-failed-mother-infant-bond>

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Tragically, *the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development* abandoned its Research *obligations* mandated by the Congress under PL 87-838 that established the mission of the NICHD to study the ***special health problems and requirements of mothers and children...***(PL 87-838 Sec 441).

The refusal by the NICHD to meet its obligations under **PI 87-838** continues to this day, despite substantial scientific evidence that maternal-infant separation (failed affectional bonding) results in aberrant brain-behavioral development and with failed social and sexual affectional bonding results in "... violence, which is one of the most extensive and chronic epidemics in the Public Health of this country" reported by Surgeon General Koop.

In an essay titled **MENTAL HEALTH: UNDERVALUED, UNDERFUNDED AND FAILED PRIORITIES** I summarized the principal research failures of the NICHD/NIH with its devastating consequences to society with recommendations for corrective actions (attached). This essay was submitted to **Science** for publication but was rejected.

I am requesting that you publish this essay in the APA Monitor along with the Congressional letter. I am further requesting that you consider filing a federal lawsuit against the NIH to compel its compliance with **PL 87-838, Sec 441**.

Sincerely,

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