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January 26, 2021

Re: Assurance Renewal: **D16-00727 (A4461-01)**  
**Inactivation Due to Lack of Funding**

Laurie Geller, Ed.D.  
Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Minot State University  
500 University Avenue West  
Minot, ND 58707

Dear Dr. Geller,

Thank you for your letter dated January 22, 2021, requesting to inactivate the domestic assurance for Minot State University located at 500 University Avenue West, Minot, ND 58707 due to lack of federal grant funding for an extended period of time.

An Assurance is not required if an institution does not have current funding involving vertebrate animal research from the Public Health Service (PHS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), National Science Foundation (NSF), or National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). Our records indicate that your institution is not receiving such funding at this time. The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) has no authority over activities funded by other entities, therefore, OLAW has **inactivated the Assurance for Minot State University**.

Lack of an Assurance will not adversely affect your institution's ability to apply for future funding and a new Assurance, if selected for an award. If in the future OLAW is notified by the PHS, HHS, NSF, or NASA that your institution has been selected for an award or will be a performance site for an award involving animal research, we will contact you regarding negotiation of a new Assurance.

If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

 Recoverable Signature

X Venita B. Thornton, DVM, MPH

Signed by: Venita B. Thornton -S

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