

**National Primate Research Exhibition Hall** 

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## University of Wisconsin Pledges \$1,000,000 to Silence Free Speech and Critics

*Madison*... The University of Wisconsin has bamboozled a local businessman, placed him at risk of multiple lawsuits, and in the same breath, offered \$1 million for a piece of property assessed at just over \$150,000.

The owner, Roger Charly, claims to have accepted an offer of \$1,000,000 from URP LLC, a university front group. Charly is already bound by a contract to sell the property to a private buyer who intends to establish a National Primate Research Exhibition Hall showcasing the history and current use of monkeys and apes in publicly funded experimentation.

"Nothing the university does surprises me," says Rick Bogle, founder of the Primate Freedom Project, a grassroots not-for-profit organization spearheading the effort to establish the Exhibition Hall.

"The animal rights community has learned to recognize the vivisectors' lies. Donations for the Hall are pouring in, momentum is growing; I hope the university will come to its senses and see the value in allowing the lawful exercise of free speech. If the law-abiding groups are silenced, the radicals are sure to react."

"In my opinion," says Lori Nitzel, attorney and Executive Director of the Madison-based Alliance for Animals, cosponsor of the Exhibition Hall, "Mr. Charly is acting on legal advice that appears to be deeply flawed. He may be able to sue someone for malfeasance at some point."

"Case law is clearly on our side; we intend to move forward, to force the sale of the property to us, and to express our opinions regarding animal experimentation in a setting appropriate to the debate, in a lawful manner, and in keeping with the principles of democracy and free speech."

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