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Dear Dr. Standardview:

I have just finished reading the March, 1980 issue of the Joint Journal of Higher Research. I would have read it much earlier, but I've been constipated lately and accordingly have had little need for such a toilet-paper. Such a crappy piece of literature I've not read since the night after the big clearance sale on prunes and pinto beans when I spent several hours reading stall-wall graffiti.

Enough of compliments (if you think I'm trying to butter you up prior to requesting a favour, you are right). I was overjoyed when I read that the Joint Journal is supported by both the American Scatological Society (ASS) and the American Association of Annelidologists. I have been having some difficulty recently with one of my ongoing research projects, namely, "A Comparative Study of Taste Aversion Learning in the Medicinal Leech (Hirudo medicinalis), the Beef Tapeworm (Taenia saginata), and the Pubic Louse (Phthirus pubis)."

I've had difficulty both with recruiting human host-subjects and with obtaining funding for this project. Perhaps some of your journal's readers would be so kind as to volunteer as subjects (either as hosts or as parasites), especially given the high cost of beef these days (not to mention that of pubes).

As you know, the leech is a bona fide annelid, and as such should qualify for an annelidological research grant. Tapeworms, while not annelids, are worms, and it is well known that they eat all sorts of crap, and thus should qualify for a scatological grant.

Please help. If I can only get this research funded and on the desks of Senator William Proctomire (procto, related to the anus, and mire, to smear or defile) and Congressman John Assbrook, just think of how fame-ass I could become. And with the current high price of gold, I might just sell that fleece and retire.

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