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To Whom It May Concern

On behalf of the International Primatological Society, I am writing in support of the activities of the Primate Society of Japan regarding the wild Japanese macaques around Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant.

We understand that these monkeys were severely affected by the tragic Great East Japan Earthquake on March 11, 2011 and we share the position of the Primate Society of Japan that monitoring these monkeys represents an important and rare opportunity to understand the long-term effects of low-dose radioactive substances in wildlife. Understanding these effects in the Japanese macaque is especially important because of its potential as a model species for humans as well as for the conservation of the primates themselves.

We urge you to support the activities of the Primate Society of Japan regarding the Japanese macaques in Fukushima.

Yours sincerely,

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