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Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods

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Dear Mr. Stokes:

Please phase out the Draize! 1) Begin accepting alternative methods found to be useful; (2) continue improving alternatives without delaying the acceptace of the tests' current forms; (3) go beyond the current efforts by developing and validating nonanimal methods to completely replace the use of the Draize test.

Anything the government can do to lessen cruel use of animals in research has my encouragement.

Sincerely,

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