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Dear Director Stokes:

I am writing concerning alternatives to the cruel Draize eye irritancy test. Would you please recommend that federal agencies immediately begin accepting the alternatiave methods found to be useful. Please move forward with recommended improvements in the alternatiaves without delaying the acceptance of the tests' current forms. Also, please go beyond the current efforts by developing and validating nonanimal methods to completely replace the use of the Draize test. This test is so unnecessary and cruel that it has no place in the twenty-first century. Thank you.

Yours truly,

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