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ATTN: DR. WILLIAM STOKES, DVM

SUBJ: ALTERNATIVES TO THE DRAIZE TEST

Dear Dr. Stokes:

I am pleased to hear the Federal Government is evaluating alternative methods for the Draize eye irritancy test.

Using eyes salvaged from animals killed for other purposes will still allow federal agencies to determine the irritating/corrosive affects of substances while minimizing animal suffering. Additionally, eyes take up less space than lab animals, eat nothing, produce less waste, and require less care thus reducing the overall costs involved in the testing of substances.

Ideally we need to develop nonanimal methods to test substances. In the meantime, I hope federal agencies will accept the alternative methods to the Draize test.

Sincerely,

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