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Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Validation of  
Alternative Methods

Dear ICCVAM Members,

Our United States Government continues to perform tests on animals! Along with the cruelty of confinement, these animals have to endure painful and needless tests and experiments until they are no longer of value! How can we live with ourselves when we perform such cruel tests! If we are to say and believe that we are a compassionate and respectful society, then we must make inhumane treatment to animals an atrocity of the past! These are not

throwaway objects to be treated cruelly and discarded at will! They are loving and sentient beings that deserve a chance at a normal life, hopefully with caring guardians!

You as a committee have been given the responsibility to approve new and reliable non-animal test methods! There are many internationally validated methods that don't involve the use of animals! We are asking that you approve these methods, including non-animal test methods for skin and eye irritation, phototoxicity and pyrogenicity! We also ask that you follow the December 2006 recommendations of the animal protection community!

We are appalled and worried that these archaic and barbaric tests may continue! The terrible conditions and animal deaths inside these labs are an outrage! The negligence and incompetence in the labs are appalling and an embarrassment to us all! Please make the right decision and do away with all animal testing that is not reliable or humane! It truly is the right thing to do!

Sincerely,

Dave and Rita Cros

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