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The United States agency overseeing the development of non-animal test methods, the Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) has approved only one non-animal test method originating in the U.S. **A shameful record when ICCVAM's European counter, ECVAM, has approved dozens.**

Rather than being a vehicle to support development and adoption of animal-free testing, ICVAM has done little in comparison to what can and should be done. **As a result, animals continue to needlessly die and human health suffers as animal tests continue to lead to less accurate and less sensitive information regarding human health.**

**I support your immediate acceptance of internationally validated non-animal tests.**

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