

Subject: comments

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Dear Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Validation of Alternative Methods,

I am a concerned citizen and animal activist, in which I only purchase products from companies that do not test on animals. Reputable companies that have a long standing record of no animal testing. If I am not sure of a new product I will do my research which may take time, that is how important it is to me. In fact it is the top most important factor in my purchasing decision.

With this period open for comments from citizens such as myself, I would like to see the ICCVAM make a difference in this country. Animal rights laws are changing at a local level and I am seeing first hand more media attention on stories of animal abusers. This has got people talking and has Congress talking to. Soon the attention wave will be on companies to change their policies of animal testing just as the green movement is sweeping the bottom line for major companies.

The issue comes down will you help and support companies at the head of the pack who will profit, or disappear like so many government funded program when progressive people see no need for you anymore. I hope that the ICCVAM and all the people associated with the ICCVAM will take a leading role in animal testing. Thank you for hearing all the comments from concerned citizens.

Sincerely,

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