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Comments: As a concerned citizen, taxpayer, and advocate for animals' rights, I have to urge the ICCVAM to "do its job" and actually go about "advancing public health and animal welfare". I have read a letter to Dr William S Stokes on behalf of seven animal rights organizations that states the ICCVAM is doing anything but "advancing public health and animal welfare". I feel absolutely terrible that my taxes are being used to endorse draconian and repetitive testing measures that kill thousands upon thousands of animals each year.

I want the ICCVAM to seriously consider testing methods that do not involve animals at all. Apparently European countries have adopted many methods that do not use animals and are just as accurate or better than animal-based testing

methods. Why are we not using these methods? Why are so many innocent animals being killed when better (and more humane) testing methods are available?

Please listen to the recommendations that these animal welfare organizations are making. According to their letter, they represent over 10 million Americans that want to see the end of animals being used as test subjects. Please listen to those people too.
