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Dear Mr. Stokes,

I am writing to ask that the NIEHS begin efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing using non-animal, in vitro testing methods. I am 110% in support of eliminating the use of animals in the LD50 tests altogether.

Thank you for your time,

Connie B. Durkee