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Dear Dr. Stokes,

Thank you for inviting public comment on replacing the LD-50 test with in vitro testing methods.

I am strongly in favor of the NIEHS beginning efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing with in vitro testing methods. The LD-50 is a horrifying and cruel method of testing toxicity.

Please, do all you can to phase out the LD-50 testing and phase in a humane and more scientifically legitimate method.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Christi Klein