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Dr. William Stokes,

Would you kindly re-evaluate the use of rabbits in eye irritations tests. There's no need for sweet creatures like rabbits to be subjected to painful experiments like this.

European countries have been using non animal tests for a decade! Europe is in favor of invitro methods, methods that don't call for animal suffering. Isn't it about time that we as a country adopt this policy as well?

Also, testing on rabbits rarely proves the effects that a chemical will, in fact, have on humans. Testing on rabbits, or any animal for that matter, is flat out abuse!

I hope you can take the time to explore tests that don't require animal testing, and upon learning that these non animal tests are safe as well as effective, you decide to end the pain and suffering of all the animals in your labs.

Sincerely,
Megan Silvey