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Dear Mr. Stokes,

It has come to my attention that despite the mandate to promote the acceptance of alternatives to cruel and outdated animal tests, the U.S. Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) seems bound and determined to do just the opposite. ICCVAM's **proposed position** on four well-established alternatives to the notorious Draize rabbit eye-irritation test is the latest example of this.

As a concerned citizen I urge the ICCVAM to follow the example set by European countries that accept the results of these *in vitro* methods, alone or in combination, to classify severely irritating and corrosive chemicals, and should eliminate proposals for "confirmatory" testing on animals.

ICCVAM should take the time to learn that these tests are being used safely and effectively by the industry today.

ICCVAM should stop dragging its heels and setting up obstacles to the acceptance and use of non-animal test methods in the U.S.

It is important for your agency to know that consumers like myself boycott products and companies that use these cruel animal tests. As the most advanced country in the world we should be leading the world away from animal testing.

Sincerely,

*Dominique Simon*