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To: NIEHS ICCVAM
Subject: from a concerned citizen

Hello Dr. William Stokes, my name is Elise and this email is concerning the alternative eye-irritation tests that will be performed on rabbits. I am a concerned animal lover and these tests are unsafe and unfair to practice on animals. This is not something that will make America look like a very good country. I would suggest ICCVAM following the example set by European countries that accept the results of these in vitro methods, there should not be any confirmatory testing on animals. Also background-review documents should clearly address the limitations of the current animal test for eye irritation. ICCVAM should not try to validate a non-animal method against an animal test that has never been proven safe. ICCVAM should make sure these tests are being used safely and effectively in a way that won't harm animals. ICCVAM should stop wasting time and avoiding the subject of acceptance and use of non-animal test methods in the U.S.
Thankyou for your time.

Sincerely,
Elise