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Hi my name is Jennifer Leighton and I am a student at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. I was recently informed about ICCVAM's refusal to use non-animal methods for testing corrosive chemicals. I did a speech about non-animal testing methods and am very well educated in the field. I can not believe that one of the most powerful countries in the world, one of the most idolized is lagging behind in this area. It has been proven for years that non-animal methods are more effective, cheaper, more efficient, and of course, cruelty-free. Many European countries have accepted the in vitro methods, why can't this powerful country? I can not believe that I am going to a school in the capital and yet I am ashamed that my country supports this kind of activity. How can a powerful country such as the United States of America be complacent with torturing animals senselessly? I am going to tell everyone about this matter at my school (that is how I found out) and encourage them to act on this issue. Thank you for your time. Jennifer Leighton