

**Subject:** I support internationally validated non-animal tests.

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To whom this concerns:

In addition to co-founding a coalition of animal protection organizations whose sole purpose is to foster the use of alternatives to animal testing, NEAVS has been monitoring what is happening at the government policy level that furthers or hinders our goals to replace animal testing with non-animal alternatives.

The United States agency overseeing the development of non-animal test methods, the Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) has approved only one non-animal test method originating in the U.S. A shameful record when ICCVAM's European counter, ECVAM, has approved dozens.

Rather than being a vehicle to support development and adoption of animal-free testing, ICCVAM has done little in comparison to what can and should be done. As a result, animals continue to needlessly die and human health suffers as animal tests continue to lead to less accurate and less sensitive information regarding human health.

I support your immediate acceptance of internationally validated non-animal tests.

Most Sincerely,

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