

ATTN: Dr. Bill Stokes, Director,

I was informed today that The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) has invited public comment on three non-animal test methods before they are approved for use in the United States. I would like to engage my support for these methods: EPISKIN(tm), EpiDerm(tm) and Rat Skin transcutaneous electrical resistance assay, in my earnest desire to end all forms of animal testing. Using these methods are not only more humane, but also more ethical. I believe it is not ethical to kill or torture another living being to save another. With superior technology and an honest respect for all living things, I hope that very soon researchers will totally replace the cruel use of rabbits and other animals in skin corrosion studies and other research, as well as the use of animal tests that may be used to confirm the non-animal test results. Thank you for allowing me to express my feelings, and again, my support for any methods that will end animal testing.

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