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To: NIEHS NICEATM
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Dr. Stokes,

It is our understanding that ICCVAM/NICEATM is now accepting public comments regarding Draize testing.

We are requesting that ICCVAM/NICEATM recommend federal agencies immediately beginning accepting alternative methods, which have proven to be useful, instead of only Draize testing. Please move forward with recommended improvements in the alternatives, without delaying the acceptance of the tests' current forms. Also, go further than the current efforts by developing and validating non-animal methods to COMPLETELY REPLACE the Draize test and make it OBSOLETE.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Phillips