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Dear Dr. Stokes,

It is very encouraging to learn that the federal government is evaluating alternative methods for the Draize eye irritancy test.

I urge the ICCVAM/NICEATM to recommend that all federal agencies immediately begin accepting the alternative methods found to be useful. Also, to have them move forward with recommended improvements in the alternatives without delaying the acceptance of the tests' current forms. This, however, should go beyond the current efforts by developing and validating nonanimal methods to completely replace the use of the Draize test.

Thank you for helping. Your assistance regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
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