

Dear NICEATM Leadership,

I am writing to thank you for your leadership in advancing alternatives to animal testing and to encourage you to continue expanding these critically important efforts.

As scientific knowledge advances, we have an unprecedented opportunity to improve both the quality of biomedical research and the welfare of animals through validated New Approach Methods (NAMs). Technologies such as organ-on-chip systems, human cell and tissue models, computational modeling, artificial intelligence, and other innovative approaches have the potential to provide data that is increasingly relevant to human biology while reducing reliance on animal testing.

I respectfully encourage NICEATM to continue:

- Accelerating the evaluation and validation of New Approach Methods.
- Working with federal agencies, academic institutions, and industry to promote broader acceptance of these methods.
- Expanding funding and collaborative research that advances human-relevant science.
- Helping ensure that validated alternatives are adopted whenever they can provide scientifically appropriate results.

The United States has an opportunity to become the global leader in ethical, innovative, and human-relevant research. Your work is helping build that future, and I hope these efforts will continue to expand in the years ahead.

Thank you for your dedication to advancing better science while helping reduce unnecessary animal suffering. I appreciate your work and respectfully encourage you to continue leading this important transformation.

Respectfully,

Jen Appel