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To: NIEHS NICEATM
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please accelerate U.S. and international replacement of animal testing
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Dear NICEATM / NIH team,

I am writing to urge continued and accelerated U.S. leadership in replacing animal testing with scientifically robust, human-relevant approaches.

NICEATM's work evaluating alternative methods and the growing federal focus on human-based research provide an opportunity to make replacement a practical default across research and regulatory testing, while encouraging international harmonisation through OECD and other bodies.

I am asking for practical, measurable action:

- make validated human-relevant New Approach Methodologies (NAMs) the first option wherever scientifically appropriate;
- accelerate validation, standardisation and regulatory acceptance of non-animal methods;
- set transparent replacement targets and report progress publicly;
- strengthen protections for non-human primates, including reducing and ultimately ending invasive use as scientifically suitable replacements become available; and
- encourage international mutual acceptance of non-animal data so animal tests are not repeated merely to satisfy different jurisdictions.

Human organoids, organ-on-chip systems, computational models, human-cell systems and other NAMs are advancing rapidly. International coordination can help move these approaches from promising science into routine regulatory and research practice.

Please use your organisation's influence to help establish a clear international pathway toward replacing animal testing with scientifically robust, human-relevant methods.

I would be grateful for information on the concrete steps your organisation can take, current replacement targets, and opportunities for public or stakeholder participation.

Kind regards,
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