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Dear Dr. Stokes,

First, let me thank the NIEHS for inviting public comment on replacing the LD-50 test with non-animal, in vitro testing methods.

Second, let me remark that I am \*strongly\* in favor of the NIEHS beginning efforts to completely replace lethal dose testing with non-animal, in vitro testing methods. The LD-50 test has always been both horribly wasteful of animal lives and a horrendously cruel method of testing for toxicity. It is an outdated testing method which must be permanently discontinued. Please do all you can to phase out the LD-50 test and phase in a benign, humane, and scientifically more legitimate method. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jayne Jennings