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To Michael Friedman, Commissioner

I have viewed both videos & photographs of brutal, obsolete, & unnecessary animal experimentation. I find it intollerable as a human being that such wasteless tests are still being done on LIVE ANIMALS.

Please — as part of the FDA — demand that pharmaceutical companies, drug & food companies substitute in vitro tests rather than live animals.

You have it in your power to STOP these painful, lethal, awful tests on live animals.

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For example Proctor & Gamble experimented on 48 monkeys in a painful & lethal

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test to test nasal decongestants when human volunteers were already testing the substance.

The draize rabbit test is so disgusting that it must be abolished. Would you like blinding substances poured into your eyes while you were held in a restraint? It is OUTDATED. Haven't we progressed in biosciences where animals no longer need to suffer these atrocities & then be killed ???

It seems that so much of MY tax dollars & everyone else's too is all about someone gaining MONEY not doing useful testing. If true testing were the case, then in vitro test live human skin cells or other man created tests would be done. Universities, individuals etc. just apply for grants of my money as a tax payer. Regardless of the atrocities they must commit on animals. To get

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big money grants they dream up these wasteful tests. Doesn't anyone in your department ever read what ~~they~~ experimenter plan to do to the animals & not allow these tests to take place. There is so much redundantcy and useless things ("experiments") done. It is more about making money than helping ~~humankind~~ Tell me how — by sewing the eyes of newborn kittens & then killing them a year later — as sponsored by the March of Dimes could possibly be important to help mankind. It is a pure waste of money pain & suffering to animals & ultimately, their death.

Tests done on animals do not have the same result as those done with human tissues in the lab.

You can & must stop these pain & waste.

A very upset,
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PS. You need a committee to truly read evaluate, check for validity & duplications before allowing moneys to fund animal experimentation. You need to find alternatives or make the companies find alternatives. You need to realize that animals are living creatures who suffer pain, loneliness, deprivations, & death so needlessly.

PLEASE HELP

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