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Dear Congressman Joe Knollenberg,

I am a student at Lake Orion High School and I am writing to you because animal testing needs to be restricted or stopped in the state of Michigan. Animal testing needs to be stopped because each year thousands of animals are poisoned and killed in laboratories. These animals are victims of painful and unnecessary product tests. Many of the products are not related to the necessities of life, but for vain Americans. The animals are not sedated or given painkillers and then they are forced into restraining devices so they can't escape the pain. Most of the animals become injured when trying to escape this horrible procedure or death.

In the United States, federal law does not require animal tests on household or personal products. More than 500 companies in the U.S., like large corporations such as Revlon and Avon, Beauty Without Cruelty, The Body Shop and more than 200 companies, ensure their customers' safety by using more accurate non-animal tests. So why have animal testing? Many people think that animal testing is the only way to go, because their organs and genetics are similar to humans. Many of these people do not realize that these animals feel pain just like we do.

Many companies such as POM and Coca-Cola are on the right track to stopping animal testing. This is positive news, but there is still way too much animal testing going on in the United States today. This problem needs to be regulated on both the Federal and State level. I hope that after reading this you can help through tougher laws and regulations to make sure animal testing comes to an end.

Sincerely,

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