



# WILSON-CAMBRIDGE REALTY TRUST

February 5, 1991

The Honorable Alice K. Wolf  
CAMBRIDGE CITY HALL  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139

1991 FEB - 8 AM 9:51  
CAMBRIDGE MA.

Dear Mayor Wolf:

I understand that an ordinance has been proposed to the City Council that would ban the use in Cambridge of the LD50 test and the Draize test on household products and cosmetics. Several years ago the City Council, after hearing from many groups in the city, enacted a policy to overlook the use of animal testing and appointed a Commissioner for Laboratory Animals to make sure that any use of research animals is conducted humanely and in accordance with federal and state laws. With this we have a well tested policy in place.

It seems to me very wrong that groups in Cambridge would want to subvert an established process by introducing this ordinance. I recommend strongly that you vote against it.

Very truly yours,

Albert O. Wilson, Jr.

AOW/jl

1991 FEB 12 AM 9:35

CAMBRIDGE MA.

3 Granite Street  
Cambridge MA 02139

February 8, 1991

Cambridge City Council  
c/o Honorable Joseph Connarton  
Cambridge City Clerk  
Cambridge City Hall  
795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

To the Honorable Members of  
the City Council

I wish to echo and to re-echo the views and opposition of Doctor David Nathan's recent letter to your Honorable body not to support a proposed ordinance that would ban the use in Cambridge of the LD50 test and the Draize test in household products and cosmetics.

The elimination of animals in biomedical research and testing is a grave step backward into darkness and foolishness for the citizens of Cambridge and for the human population. Government and its administrators should be moving into the season of Light and the age of wisdom at all times for the benefit of humanity.

As a passive citizen of Cambridge, as contrasted with the activist, I ask you seriously not to pass this restrictive legislation and ordinance.

Very truly yours,

*Charles A. Watson*

Charles A. Watson

February 11, 1991

Members of the Cambridge City Council

I am writing to urge you not to support an ordinance proposed by animal rights activists which would ban the use in Cambridge of the LD50 test and the Draize test on household products and cosmetics.

Sincerely

Mrs. Mrs. Wm Mc Caffery  
30 Normandy Ave  
Cambridge 02138

1991 FEB 12 AM 9:51  
BENTONVILLE MA.

123 Coolidge Hill  
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

February 8, 1991

Dear Mayor Wolfe & City Councilors.

I am writing to ask you not  
to vote for the ordinance banning  
the use of the L50 test and Draize.  
From a medical family and talking to  
doctors, I realize the tremendous importance  
of animal research and fully believe  
that all experiments in Cambridge are  
carefully monitored both by laboratory  
committees and our Commission for  
Laboratory Animals. Let's leave it to those  
people to see that as little harm as possible  
is done to animals to make things safe  
for us to use.

Sincerely,

Conrad B. Wiedner.

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CATERPILLAR

Cambridge City Council  
Cambridge City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139

1991 FEB 11 PM 12:32

CAMBRIDGE MA.

Honorable Mayor Wolf, Vice-Mayor Reeves, and Councillors Sullivan, Duehay, Walsh, Toomey, Cyr, Myers, and Russell:

As a citizen of Cambridge, I am approaching the city council to ask your strong support of the ordinance before you to ban the LD50 and Draize tests for cosmetics and household products in Cambridge. To those of you who have demonstrated your support, I would like to express my sincere respect and gratitude.

Although some of you are already familiar with the LD50 and Draize tests because of the 1987 Order, I would like to stress once more that these tests have been widely criticized by science and health professionals. These tests are crude and imprecise.

- \* The LD50 gives little or no information about the prevention and correction of overdose situations.
- \* It gives little or no information about the long term effects of a substance.
- \* Differences between species make the LD50 and the Draize tests of questionable applicability to humans.
- \* The LD50 and the Draize tests are subject to wide inter-laboratory variation and do not yield consistent results.
- \* There are alternatives to both the LD50 and the Draize tests.

Researchers claim these tests are not being done in Cambridge at present. The ban on these tests will therefore be supportive of their practice. It will, furthermore, provide residents of Cambridge with a clearer sense of our city's ethical stance not only about public accountability in research, but also about the treatment of sentient beings undergoing experimentation here.

I urge you to demonstrate the quality decision-making that your residents have come to respect. I urge you to follow through on the 1987 order and to vote to pass the ordinance to ban the LD50 and Draize tests for cosmetics and household products in Cambridge.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

MS BETTINA IGEL  
8 A ATHENS ST  
CAMBRIDGE MA 02138

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CONSENT  
COMMUNICATION

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Five communications received requesting support for the ordinance amendment banning LD50 and Draize test for cosmetics and household products in Cambridge.

In City Council,

February 25, 1991

*Copies sent to Councillor  
Myers 2/25/91 @*

*Charter Right exercised  
by Councillor Russell.  
Placed on file.*