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Dear Councillors:

I am writing to urge the passage of an strong and meaningful ordinance that would protect the interests and welfare of animals used in laboratories.

While I strongly believe we need to be using alternative testing whenever possible, I understand that experiments on innocent animals will continue. But, we can work to make advancements in our society by taking responsibility for the innocent.

Animals need to be well cared for: they need space to move and social contact. They need to be treated humanely. If they must go through pain and suffering on our behalf, let us atleast make their lives as comfortable as we can. **We are all responsible** for this - not just those that cause the immediate suffering.

Experiments should be reviewed by a committee whose membership includes both scientists and people concerned about animals. Descriptions of procedures carried out on animals should be available to the public - so we know what we are allowing to happen in our community.

We need to have animal advocates on institutional animal care committees at ALL facilities using animals in this city.

There is a concensus in our community that cruel and unnecessary experimentation should not be conducted.

Let's take responsibility for what we allow to happen in our world. We are all part of it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Gail Desmond*

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Comm. from Gail Desmond, urging passage of a strong ordinance for the protection of animals used in laboratories.

In City Council,

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