

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

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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.

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CONSENT

**Comm. supporting the ordinance amendment
banning LD50 and Draize test for cosmetics
and household products in Cambridge.**

In City Council,

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Placed on file.