

Safer Medicines Campaign

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Which would you trust



to protect *your* health?

Tests in mice, rats, rabbits and dogs indicated that painkiller Vioxx *protects* the heart – yet it killed many thousands of people through heart attacks and strokes.

Isn't it time to compare animal tests with today's scientifically developed *human* biology-based methods to test the safety of medicines?

Please support the Safety of Medicines Bill 2010

Dear _____

Please sign EDM 475, which calls for an unprecedented comparison of currently required animal tests with a set of human biology-based tests, to see which is more predictive of safety for patients.

EDM 475 does not seek to ban any animal tests but merely to assess them scientifically.

A million Britons are hospitalised by prescription medicines every year, costing the NHS £2 billion (Sarah Boseley, *the Guardian* 3rd April 2008). These figures must be improved. There is evidence that human biology-based technologies may be more predictive of safety for humans: hence the need for a scientific comparison.

Yours sincerely _____

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Please also sign the related EDM 380 which seeks to improve the availability of surplus human tissue (with ethical consent) for medical research.