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Dear Dr Coffey,

On behalf of Cruelty Free International we are writing to seek a commitment that there will be no duplication of animal testing for chemical registrations as result of the UK's withdrawal from the European Union.

As you know, despite repeated requests, the Government has been unable to provide the clear assurance that there will be no duplication of animal testing either as a result of a no-deal exit or when a new UK REACH comes into effect.

We are aware of, and welcome, your commitment to the EU Energy and Environment Sub-Committee earlier this year that the HSE will be encouraged to recognise the validity of animal testing already undertaken to "avoid the need for further testing".

However, we share the widely held concerns that this position will be undermined by confidentiality conditions relating to data in existing contracts, resulting in the need for testing to be replicated.

Given the urgency of this situation, we look forward to your swift response.

With kind regards,

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Alex Cunningham MP  
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Alistair Carmichael MP  
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Sir David Amess MP  
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