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I am writing as a constituent, and hope that you can use your influence to resolve an issue which is for me and many others a matter of grave concern.

In spite of the UK's voluntary ban on animal testing of cosmetic products and ingredients, 'Botox' destined for cosmetic purposes is responsible for increases in the testing of botulinum toxin on mice.

Every batch of botulinum toxin, the key active constituent of Botox, is tested for potency on 100 mice, using the LD50 test. The toxin is injected into the abdomens of mice to determine the amount of toxin that kills half of a given test group of mice and this can take up to 3-4 days.

*Over the past ten years the use of Botox has increased exponentially. In 2010, over **1 million** botox treatments were conducted in the UK. Consequently there has been a notable increase in the LD50 test. Given that the UK has a voluntary ban on animal testing of cosmetic products and ingredients, this surely should not be allowed.*

I hope that you may be able to write to the Home Office on my behalf, outlining the issue in hand. *The legal loophole which permits animal testing on this specific cosmetic ingredient should be closed, and quickly.*

The continued use of animals to test Botox destined for cosmetic purposes is in direct contradiction to the UK's stance on animal testing of cosmetic products and ingredients.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,