



A N J E L I C A H U S T O N

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Dear Professor Welch:

I'm writing after spending time filming in Bristol, where I became enchanted by the beauty and spirit of the city. But the spell was broken when my friends at PETA told me about the near-drowning experiments still being conducted at your university, and I'm appealing to you to put a stop to this.

As you know, in the tests, experimenters place rats into inescapable beakers of water and watch as they desperately paddle to stay afloat and dive under water in a futile search for escape. Years ago, I played the Grand High Witch in *The Witches*, and this wicked experiment sounds like something she would have concocted!

The misguided claim that the forced swim test may provide information about stress-related conditions in humans is nothing more than hocus pocus. What it's really doing is frightening defenseless animals and getting in the way of the development of much-needed effective treatments for mental health conditions.

Most other U.K. universities and institutions have ended the forced swim test, and the government is taking steps to restrict its use. There's no excuse to allow it to continue at the University of Bristol, and I hope that you'll conjure up some compassion and do away with this cruel experiment immediately.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Most respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anjelica Huston', written in a cursive style.

Anjelica Huston