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Dear Horse Lover:

Congress is poised to vote on legislation to stop the brutal slaughter of horses in the United States for human consumption in foreign countries.

Representative John Sweeney (R-NY), co-chair of the Congressional Horse Caucus, and Representative John Spratt (D-SC) are expected to introduce an amendment to the House Agriculture Appropriations bill that prohibits any federal taxpayer funds from being used to slaughter horses (it's the quick and short version of passing H.R. 503, much like what we all just managed on the issue of wild horses when we got the amendment passed May 19th that does basically what H.R. 297 did for wild horses).

Please take a moment to contact your Representative TODAY, urging their immediate support (and that he/she show up to vote) for the Sweeney/Spratt amendment to the House Agriculture Appropriations Bill. Congress will consider the amendment sometime between the middle and end of the week of June 6th, so your immediate assistance is critical. If you would like additional facts or need to find the name of any of your legislators, visit our Slaughter page. Or call the Capitol Hill Operator: (202) 224-3121 (they will help you reach your legislator).

#### **WHAT YOU CAN DO:**

Please call the office of your Member of the House of Representatives. Ask to speak to their staff member who deals with Agriculture Appropriations. Tell them you'd like the Representative to support the Sweeney/Spratt Amendment (prohibiting your tax dollars from being spent on horse slaughter) -- and respectfully request his or her specific position the issue.

You can also fax a letter to your Representative's office, asking them to support the amendment.

Your immediate assistance is essential to ensure Congress hears from an outpouring of concerned constituents. The AVMA/AAEP (vet association) is opposing the bill (shame on them), but we have to let Congress know ending slaughter at least for one year will prove it IS best for horses and that the vets are wrong. Mention the AHDF book on alternatives to auctions and slaughter and the many alternatives that WONT burden rescues or the government. Please share our Action Alert with family, friends and coworkers, and encourage them to call and fax letters, too.

Thank you so much for your help!

Sincerely,  
Trina Bellak, President  
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