



Dear Caring Person:

Your immediate action is needed to help secure a halt to the slaughter of horses in the United States for human consumption abroad. With the help of people like you, we persuaded the House to vote overwhelmingly for a ban on the transport of equine for the purpose of slaughter. While the bill passed the House by an overwhelming majority, a few Senators blocked it when it reached the Senate. The Senate companion bill was never brought to the floor.

This is not the first victory that we have had in this area that was blocked by opponents. Both the House and Senate passed an amendment to the 2006 Agriculture Appropriations Bill that prohibited your tax dollars from being used to fund the federally mandated inspection of horses to be slaughtered for human consumption, thereby halting their slaughter. The amendment was overwhelmingly approved in both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and it was made official on Nov. 10, 2005 when the President signed the 2006 Agriculture Appropriations Bill into law. However, the horse slaughter industry refused to give up-and as a result, the moratorium on horse slaughter was never put into place.

Each year that a ban on horse slaughter goes without being passed the number of horses slaughtered grows, with 2007 looking to be the bloodiest since the late 1980's and early 1990's. It is important that we see an end to horse slaughter before more plants open and the numbers of horses killed reaches new records.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Please contact your Representative and ask that he/she co-sponsor HR 503 and your Senators and ask that they also co-sponsor and support SB 311. Please also contact President Bush and ask him to use his influence to ensure the passage of the Horse Slaughter Protection Act. You can find your Representative's contact at:

<http://www.House.gov>

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Please share our letter and what to do with lists, online boards, family, riders, friends and co-workers, and encourage them to contact their Senators, too.

Thank you very much for your help!

Sincerely,
Shelley Sawhook
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