

**FROM THE DESK OF  
SENATOR RODNEY ELLIS**

**April 26, 2004**

**My Fellow Texans:**

**Re: Support HR 857 – The American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act**

**I write to you today in support of HR 857, a federal bill to prevent the slaughter of horses in and from the United States for human consumption.**

**We battled long and hard last year to keep horse slaughter from being legalized in Texas, and were successful because of the huge outpouring from the citizens of Texans against it who in turn received the support of their state legislators.**

**From my experience as a Texas State Senator during this hotly contested issue, I can personally attest to the feelings of a majority of Texans regarding horse slaughter – they do not want it. They do not want it in their state; they do not want it in their country; nor do they want their horses exported for slaughter.**

**The horse slaughter plants in Texas are still operating today because the foreign corporations who own them filed an injunction citing interstate commerce law. A federal law to protect America's horses from slaughter is therefore critical.**

**This is a horse lover's issue, and Texans clearly love their horses. They have contacted me because they are alarmed that only 6 of the 32 U.S. Representatives from Texas have co-sponsored this bill, which is not representative of how Texans feel about this issue.**

**I therefore urge you to throw the full weight of your support behind HR 857 by co-sponsoring and saying YES to this bill today.**

**Thank you for taking the time to consider my request.**

**Respectfully,**

**Senator Rodney Ellis  
The State of Texas**