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## SUPPORT THE AMERICAN HORSE SLAUGHTER PREVENTION ACT

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Dear Member of Congress:

After four years of increasing public demand for an end to horse slaughter, you have an immediate opportunity to end this cruel practice. Congressional Horse Caucus Chair John Sweeney (R-NY) and Representatives John Spratt (D-SC), Ed Whitfield (R-KY) and Nick Rahall (D-WV) have introduced H.R. 503 to prevent the slaughter of horses for human consumption abroad. We ask you to support this bill, the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act.

Horses have always been a symbol of America's free spirit. No other animal stirs such an emotional reaction. Horses have carried our leaders into battles, pulled our wagons into the untamed West, and thrilled us through sport. In fact, horses such as Secretariat, Man O' War and Citation are considered among the top 100 athletes of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The famous story of Seabiscuit, a once "unwanted horse" turned great champion, was recently considered for an Oscar.

Yet regardless of their fame and notoriety, no animal should be hauled across the country under the unhealthy and cruel conditions slaughter-bound horses face. Following their faithful service to humankind, our horses should not be killed at one of the three foreign-owned slaughterhouses in the United States so diners abroad can feast on their flesh.

We strongly support the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act and have rejected arguments from those who claim ending horse slaughter will be bad for horses. Don't be misled; ending horse slaughter will be nothing but good for horses, and we are confident that once you consider the facts, you will agree.

We urge you to follow the outstanding leadership of Representatives Sweeney, Spratt, Whitfield and Rahall on this issue and support H.R. 503. It's not only about saving the lives of thousands of innocent horses; it's about a better America.

On behalf of my friends, I thank you for your urgent consideration of the effort to end horse slaughter. If you would like more information, please visit [www.saplonline.org](http://www.saplonline.org).

Sincerely,

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