March 6, 2006

Dear Representative:

RE: American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act

We urge you to SUPPORT the American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act (H.R. 503) introduced by Congressman John Sweeney (R-NY), co-chair of the Congressional Horse Caucus, Congressman John Spratt (D-SC) and Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-KY) to prevent the slaughter of horses in the US and prohibit their export for the same purpose. The American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act will put an end to an extremely cruel practice, which claims all breeds, ages, sizes and conditions of horse. The majority of Americans, horse industry organizations, veterinarians and horse owners are outraged that our horses are being brutally slaughtered and want the practice to end. We strongly support this amendment, and are pleased to provide any assistance we can to ensure its swift passage into law.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Heyde
Executive Director

SUPPORTERS OF THE
AMERICAN HORSE SLAUGHTER PREVENTION ACT

National Humane Groups
American Horse Defense Fund
American Humane Association
American Sanctuary Association
The American Standardbred Adoption Program, Inc.
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
Animal Legal Defense Fund
Animal Protection Institute
Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights
Doris Day Animal League
Episcopal Network for Animal Welfare
The Fund for Animals
Habitat for Horses
Hooved Animal Humane Society
The Humane Society of the United States
The Progressive Animal Welfare Society
The National Humane Education Society (NHES)
**National Humane Groups (con't)**
- Society for Animal Protective Legislation
- United Equine Foundation
- United States Equine Sanctuary & Rescue
- Wild Horse and Burro Freedom Alliance
- World Society for the Protection of Animals

**Celebrity Supporters**
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- Sia Barbi
- Barbara Bosson
- Bruce Boxleitner
- Jeff Bridges
- Christie Brinkley
- Rita Coolidge
- John Corbett
- Alex Cord
- Catherine Crier, *Court TV*
- James Cromwell
- Tony and Jill Curtis
- Ellen DeGeneres
- Ron Delsener - *Ron Delsener Presents*
- Bo Derek
- Clint Eastwood
- Mike Epps
- Will Estes
- Shelley Fabares
- Morgan Fairchild
- Mike Farrell
- Morgan Freeman
- Kinky Friedman
- Melissa Gilbert
- Whoopi Goldberg
- Jane Goodall, PhD.
- Merv Griffin
- Arlo Guthrie
- Merle Haggard
- Jack Hanna, Director Emeritus, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Columbus, Ohio
- Daryl Hannah
- Tess Harper
- Tippi Hedren
- Laura Hillenbrand - author of *Seabiscuit*
- George Jones
- Ashley Judd
- Toby Keith
- Eddie Kilroy, Program Director, *"Hank's Place" XM 13*
- Carole King
- Kris Kristofferson
- Chief Arvol Looking Horse - 19th generation keeper of the White Buffalo Calf Pipe Bundle and holds the responsibility of spiritual leader among the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota People
- George Lopez
- Mrs. Roger (Mary) Miller
Celebrity Supporters (con’t)
Steve Miller
Mary Tyler Moore
Sir Paul McCartney
Ali McGraw
Jesse & Joy McReynolds of Jim & Jesse and the Virginia Boys - *Entertainer, Member of the Grand Ole Opry, Bluegrass Music legend*
Connie Nelson - *Outlaw Management*
Willie Nelson
Alexandra Paul
The late Richard and Jennifer Lee Pryor
Keith Richards
Kid Rock
Theresa Russell
Paul Sorvino
Mira Sorvino
Bernie Taupin
Billy Bob Thornton
Rob Thomas
Marisol Thomas
Shania Twain
Ken Wahl
Dwight Yoakam

National Industry Organizations
Akindale Farm (NY)
The American Holsteiner Horse Association, Inc.
The American Sulphur Horse Association
American Indian Horse Registry
Arizona Racing Commission
Blue Horse Charities (KY)
Churchill Downs Incorporated (KY, IL, FL)
Eaton & Thorne (NY)
Eaton Sales, Inc.
Fasig-Tipton Company, Inc. (KY, NY, FL, TX)
Gainesway Farm
Hambletonian Society, Inc.
Horse Connection magazine
Hughes Management
Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission
Keeneland Association Inc.
Living Legends Magazine
Magna Entertainment Corp.
National Show Horse Registry
National Steeplechase Association, Inc.
National Thoroughbred Racing Association
Natural Horse Magazine
New Jersey Racing Commission
New Jersey Thoroughbred Owners and Breeders Association
New York Racing Association
New York State Thoroughbred Racing and Development Fund Corporation
New York Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc.
National Industry Organizations (con’t)
Ocala Breeder's Sales Company (OBS)
Palomino Horse Association, Int.
Racetrack Chaplaincy of America
Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau
Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation (KY, VA, FL, NY, NJ)
Virginia Thoroughbred Association
United States Eventing Association
The United States Harness Writers Association
Walnut Hall Limited (KY)

Horse Industry and Business Leaders
Joe L. Allbritton - Owner, Lazy Lane Farms, Inc.
Peggy Augustus - Keswick Farm
Gary Biszantz – Owner, Cobra Farm; Founder, Cobra Golf Clubs
Niall and Stephanie Brennan - Niall Brennan Stables
Alex Campbell - Chairman, Shakertown & Triangle Foundation
W. Cothran "Cot" Campbell – Dogwood Stables
Norman Casse, Chairman of the Ocala Breeder's Sales Company (OBS)
W.A. "Jimmy" Croll, Jr - Thoroughbred racing Hall of Fame trainer
Nick and Jaqui de Meric - Nick de Meric Bloodstock
Nina DiSesa - Chairman, McCann Erickson New York
Richard L. Duchossois – Chairman, Arlington Park
Tracy & Carol Farmer - Shadowlawn Farm
John Fort - Peachtree Racing Stable
John Gaines - the late founder of the Breeder's Cup World Thoroughbred Championship
GaWaNi Pony Boy
Arthur & Staci Hancock – Stone Farm - Owners/Breeders of two Kentucky Derby Winners.
Dell Hancock - Claiborne Farm
Randy Hartley - Hartley/De Renzo Thoroughbreds
Charles E. Hayward - President & CEO, New York Racing Association, Inc.
Summerfield "Skeet" Johnston - ex-Chairman and CEO of Coca-Cola Enterprises
John Hettinger – Owner, Akindale Farm, Principal stockholder Fasig-Tipton Co, Inc.,
Chairman Emeritus Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, Trustee NY Racing
Association
Reiley McDonald – Partner, Eaton Sales
Robert McNair - Owner, Stonerside Farms; Owner, Houston Texans
Nick Nicholson - President and Chief Executive Officer, Keeneland Association
Paul Oreffice, former Chairman, Dow Chemical Co. Inc.
John & Carol Oxley – Owners of Monarchs, 2001 Kentucky Derby winner
Leonard Riggio - Founder & Chairman, Barnes & Noble, Inc.
Richard Santulli – Chairman, Net Jets
Barry Schwartz - Co-founder, Calvin Klein, Inc.
J.V. Shields, Jr. - Managing Director and Chairman of Shields & Company
George Steinbrenner - Owner, New York Yankees
George Strawbridge, Jr
Stuart Subotnick - General Partner and Chief Operation Officer, Metro Media
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Becky Thomas - Sequel Bloodstock
**Horse Industry and Business Leaders (con’t)**
Daniel P. Tully - former CEO, Merrill Lynch & Company
D.G. Van Clief, Jr. – NTRA Commissioner, CEO & Breeders' Cup President
Donna Ward
Marylou Whitney and John Hendrickson – owners of Birdstone, 2004 Belmont Stakes winner
Russell Williams - VP, Hanover Shoe Farm
William Ziff, Jr. - Ziff Brothers Investments
Nick Zito - Two-time Kentucky Derby Winning and Hall of Fame trainer

**Arizona**
Conquistador Equine Rescue Program (In Defense of Animals)
Equine Voices Rescue & Sanctuary
Hacienda de los Milagros, Inc.
Humane Education Club - Barry Goldwater High School (Phoenix)
In Defense of Animals At Arizona State University (Student Organization)
Keepers of the Wild
Superstition Horse Ranch
Wildhorse Ranch Rescue

**California**
Access Nurses
California Equine Retirement Foundation
Cooper Racing (Carol Cooper) - Qtr Horse Breeding, Training and Layups
East Bay Animal Advocates
The Piedra Foundation
Tranquility Farm

**Colorado**
Colorado Horse Rescue
Love Can’t Wait Pony Rescue
Lucky Three Ranch, Inc.
Political Voice for Animals
Project Equus

**Connecticut**
The Humane Organization Representing Suffering Equines (H.O.R.S.E.) of Connecticut, Inc.

**Florida**
Retirement Home for Horses

**Georgia**
Big Sky Farm - Quarter Horse boarding and breeding facility
Georgia Equine Rescue League
Magic Hollow Farms
STARS (Sound Trail And Rail Society, Inc.)

**Idaho**
Horse Haven Rescue
For the Love of Horses Rescue and Sanctuary
**Illinois**
Arlington Park Racecourse
Balmoral Park Racetrack
Blackberry Station Feed Store
Block Thoroughbred Farm
CANTER Illinois
Central Illinois Humane Society
Chicago Barn to Wire
Crosswinds Equine Rescue, Inc
Drexler Horse Transportation
Eastland Farm and Training Center
Fairberry Farm
Fairmount Park
Hawthorne National Racecourse
Hill 'N Dale Farm
Horsin' Around TV
Illinois Thoroughbred Horseman's Association
Illinois Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Foundation
Illinois Harness Horseman's Association
Illinois Horseman's Benevolent Protective Association
International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 727
John Marshall Law School, Animal Law Society, Chicago, IL
Lazy Maple Equine Rescue
Manhattan Acres
Maywood Park Racetrack
Oak Tree Farm
Pam Kuhl Horse Transportation
RERUN Illinois
Shawnee Hills Farm
Three Way Farm
Top of the Hill Farm
Tower Farm

**Indiana**
Animal Protection Coalition
CANTOR of Indiana
Indiana Horse Rescue

**Kentucky**
Blairs Equine Rescue
Bluegrass Equine Products, Inc.
Brandeis Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
DreamCatcher Stables, Inc.
Holly's Place Animal Rescue
Home at Last animal sanctuary
Humane Society, A.L.L. of Madison County
Kentucky Animal Relief Fund, Inc.
Kentucky Animal Rescue Alliance
The Kentucky Coalition for Animal Protection, Inc.
Lexington Humane Society
Marion Co. Humane Society, Inc.
Kentucky (con’t)
Wolfrun Wildlife Refuge, Inc.
Woodstock Animal Foundation

Louisiana
The Coalition of Louisiana Animal Advocates

Maine
Barrel Race in Maine
Downeast Border Riders Saddle Club

Maryland
Horsenet Horse Rescue
University of Maryland Equestrian Club

Massachusetts
Suffolk Downs

Michigan
Horses' Haven
C.A.N.T.E.R Michigan

Minnesota
Midwest Horse Adoption Program
Misfit Acres Inc.
Save Our Souls Equine Rescue

Montana
WindDancer Foundation

Nevada
Miracle Horse Rescue, Inc.
Shiloh Horse Rescue and Sanctuary
Wild Horse Preservation League
Wild Horse Spirit, Ltd.

New Jersey
Save the Animals Foundation
Standardbred Retirement Foundation

New Mexico
A.N.N.A. - Animals Need No Abuse
Animal Protection of New Mexico
Independence Farm
Perfect Harmony Animal Rescue & Sanctuary
Walkin "N" Circles Equine Rescue Ranch
Wild Horse Observer's Association (W.H.O.A.)
New York
Carpe Diem Equine Rescue, Inc. (NY, PA, NJ)
Equine Rescue Resource, Inc.
Spring Farm CARES
Vassar Animal Rescue Coalition

North Carolina
Jus Linda's Stables
North Carolina Equine Rescue League
Stillwater Farm

North Dakota
Tremont's Pet Sitting Service

Ohio
Angels4horses Adoption-Placement Foundation
Living Legend Arabians
Sound Horse Organization of Ohio

Oklahoma
Angel Horse Rescue, Inc.

Pennsylvania
Animal Care and Welfare/SPCA
Another Chance for Horses
Bran Manor Equine Rescue & Placement
CANTOR Pennsylvania
Cozee Valee Farm
Eastern University Equestrian Team
Lost and Found Horse Rescue
OohMahNee Farm Animal Sanctuary
Pennsylvania SPCA
R.A.C.E Fund, Inc.

South Carolina
Hollow Creek Farm Equine Rescue
Neverending Farms Horse Rescue
Palmetto Equine Awareness & Rescue League (P.E.A.R.L.®)

South Dakota
Helping Hands Equine Rehabilitation and Rescue

Texas
Animal Connection of Texas
Animal Sanctuary of the United States/Wild Animal Orphanage
Austin Zoo
Black Beauty Ranch
City of Flower Mound, TX
Common Ground Foundation
Lone Star Equine Rescue, Inc.
Texas (con’t)
Lone Star Park
Madden Investigations
The Queenie Foundation
R-9 Ranch
Sound Horse Organization of Texas
Texans for Horses
SPCA of Texas
The Texas Federation of Humane Societies
Texas Humane Legislation Network
Texas EquuSearch Mounted Search and Recovery Team
Wild Horse & Burro Refuge & Registry

Tennessee
Egyptian Cross Arabians
Misfit Ranch

Utah
Sound Horse Organization of Utah

Virginia
Ches-N-Oak Farms
The Laughing Horse Sanctuary
Parkway Quarter Horse, Inc.
White Bird Appaloosa Horse Rescue - Stillwater Farm

Wisconsin
All God’s Creatures Equestrian Center
Animal Rescue and Farm Sanctuary
Midwest Horse Welfare Foundation, Inc.

Wyoming
Wyoming Animal Network