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Dear Mr. President,

The United States government should pass legislation to make permits more readily available to enable farmers to raise Emus, and have them FDA approved for selling in the United States and on foreign markets.

In Germany, since the mad cow disease is being discovered in German herds, people are turning to a different source of meat. Emus have become very prevalent in German markets, and should now be considered for a major addition to the food markets in the United States. Their meat is a little tougher and chewier then beef is, although it has more flavor. Emus can also produce some massive drumsticks. These amazing traits alone would make anyone in the world who could afford their slightly higher-than-beef price sold on the idea of eating emu meat.

In conclusion, the idea of making the consumption of emu meat more readily available is very important.

Sincerely,

Josh Sefton