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Dear Mr. Pacelle:

We would like to extend a thank you for the cooperation that the Humane Society of the United States has given the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations during its investigation into the safety of the Nation's food supply.

Recently, a representative from the Humane Society testified at the Subcommittee's February 26. 2008, food safety hearing. Dr. Michael Greger, Director of Public Health and Animal Agriculture, testified regarding the Humane Society's work in exposing deficiencies in the regulation of the meat industry. Dr. Greger's testimony was very beneficial. Further, we also appreciate your staff's willingness to provide the Committee with invaluable information leading up to the hearing.

If the Humane Society has any additional information regarding any other safety matters pertaining to our Nation's food supply, especially those involving products regulated under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, we would be grateful if you would provide that information to the Committee. Committee staff would welcome the opportunity to meet with your staff to discuss any such matter, as well as future work you may be contemplating in this arena.

We again thank you again for working with the Committee during its investigation. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Kevin Barstow with the Committee on Energy and Commerce staff at (202) 226-2424.

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Sincerely,

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