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General Comment: I am outraged by the decision to allow the inspections of horses on a fee per basis!

1. The USDA should not be considering any proposal that will allow the slaughterhouses to continue operating. Such an action is a clear violation of Congressional intent and federal law.

2. President Bush signed into law the 2006 Agriculture Appropriations bill, which Congress amended to prohibit horse slaughter by removing funds required to inspect horses intended for slaughter. This was NOT simply a way to alter how inspections are funded.

It is a sad day for Americans when foreign interests have more rights in our country than we, the people, do and it is our wish that horse slaughter in this country be banned! Foreign business should NOT be given more consideration than the citizens, voters, tax payers in this country and you've overstepped your boundaries on this one!!

It would be wise for you to reconsider your stand and end this rule immediately!

Horses are not livestock as cows, sheep, hogs and they are not exotic animals! Horses are considered "companion animals" much the same as our dogs, cats, ferrets, guinea pigs, etc. I would hope that you would get the picture and undo the

damage that you are about to incur. The pro slaughter group has based all their

reasoning on lies and WE THE PEOPLE ARE NOT FALLING FOR IT! I would hope that you have the good sense not to fall for the propaganda either!

Stop this atrocity and give us back our honorable country!!

Sincerely,

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