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To whom it may concern,

Private inspections of horse slaughter plants is a very bad idea. Not only does it allow horse slaughter for overseas export to continue, it completely circumvents Congress. It is not the U.S. Department of Agriculture's place (or any federal agency's place) to dictate policy.

Please rescind this absurd rulemaking and carry out the will of Congress and accept that the horsemeat industry is coming to an end in this country.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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