PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

TO STRENGTHEN ANIMAL TRANSPORTATION REGULATIONS

WHEREAS regulations for the transport of animals under Canada's *Health of Animals Act* are outdated and in need of revision;

WHEREAS ruminants (cattle, sheep and goats) may be legally transported 52 hours (in addition to a pre- and post- boarding food withdrawal period) with no access to water, food or rest, and monogastric animals (pigs, poultry and horses) may be transported 36 hours (in addition to a pre-boarding food withdrawal time) with no access to water, food or rest;

WHEREAS these allowable transport times are among the longest in the industrialized world, and are not consistent with scientific findings on animal welfare during transport;

WHEREAS animals that become injured or diseased during transport threaten the quality, health and safety of Canadian food products;

We, the undersigned citizens of Canada, petition the House of Commons to amend the animal transport regulations under Canada's *Health of Animals Act* to be consistent with the findings of the EU Scientific Committee on Animal Health and Welfare, to reduce transport time for pigs, poultry, horses, calves and lambs to 8 hours, and 12 hours for cattle, sheep and goats, and ensure adequate enforcement of the regulations. We ask that the amendments be passed quickly.

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