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Dear Hon. _____:

It has come to my attention that tens of thousands of horses are killed annually in Canadian slaughterhouses, and that their flesh is shipped overseas for food. Some "meat" horses are victims of live export, and are therefore at the mercy of foreign laws or lack of them. I am further aware of an Ipsos-Reid poll conducted in May 2004 that revealed that 2/3 (64%) of adult Canadians polled "do not believe in the slaughter of Canadian horses for human consumption".

<http://www.ipsos-na.com/news/pressrelease.cfm?id=2252>

Slaughter-bound horses originate from many sources. Show horses, racehorses, foals born as a "byproduct" of the Premarin industry (a female hormone replacement drug), wild horses, carriage horses, and family horses have fallen prey to the horse slaughter industry. Horses have not traditionally been raised for human consumption in Canada; however, they are being killed to satisfy the palates of overseas diners in Italy, France, Belgium, and Japan. Overcrowded feedlots, poor transport conditions, and cruel treatment of equines at slaughter plants are concerns that have been widely documented and continue to horrify many Canadians who believe that this industry must be abolished on humane grounds. Horses continue to be found dead on arrival at slaughter plants following transport. The slaughter process itself is not humane euthanasia; undercover video tells a story of terror, pain and prolonged suffering--hardly a fitting end for the noble horse.

As your constituent, I seek your support in banning the slaughter of horses in Canada, and look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours truly,

Signature: _____

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