



*Time for the
Congressional Conference Committee
to hear from real Horse People!*

Below is the letter United Horsemen just sent to the Congressional Conference Committee that will be working out the differences between the Senate version of FY 2012 Agriculture Appropriations bill which does not include the riders prohibiting USDA inspection of horses, and the House version which does include the slaughter ban.

It is very important that this committee hears from as many horse people as possible. Be assured that the well funded and well organized animal rights radicals are hard at work trying to convince lawmakers to continue to defund inspection.

You know why this is so damaging and counterproductive. Feel free to use our letter or parts of it, and tell your own story. Be polite. Tell the truth. Help Congress understand what this means to you and your family. Make it personal.

Below the letter please find a list of the committee members with links to their websites where you can easily copy and paste your message to them, as well as a phone number where you can ask to speak to their staff who deal with Ag issues and/or leave a message for the committee member.

***Stand up! Speak out! Be Heard!
Take Back the Reins of Your Industry!***

Letter from United Horsemen to all the committee members:

TO:

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
The Honorable Roy Blunt
The Honorable Sherrod Brown
The Honorable John Carter
The Honorable Thad Cochran
The Honorable Susan Collins
The Honorable John Culberson
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
The Honorable Norm Dicks
The Honorable Jo Ann Emerson
The Honorable Sam Farr
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
The Honorable Tom Harkin
The Honorable John Hoeven
The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
The Honorable Daniel Inouye
The Honorable Tim Johnson
The Honorable Jack Kingston
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The Honorable Tom Latham
The Honorable Steven LaTourette
The Honorable Jerry Lewis
The Honorable Mitch McConnell
The Honorable Barbara Mikulski
The Honorable Jerry Moran
The Honorable Patty Murray
The Honorable Ben Nelson
The Honorable John Olver
The Honorable Ed Pastor
The Honorable David Price
The Honorable Mark Pryor
The Honorable Adam Schiff
The Honorable Richard Shelby
The Honorable Frank Wolf
The Honorable Bill Young

***Subject: Conference on HR 2112 consolidated appropriations for Agriculture,
Commerce-Justice-Science and Transportation-Housing and Urban Development***

November 7, 2011

Dear Conferee,

Through the Conference Committee process you have an opportunity to increase the welfare of horses, reinvigorate the devastated horse related economy, and protect an entire segment of animal agriculture from a radical animal rights vegan agenda simply by adopting the Senate's already passed position-and without the need for any additional appropriation. It is very important to the hard-working taxpaying families who make their living with horses that the House recedes to the Senate position on this issue.

Please do not include any riders preventing the USDA inspection of horses.

Without the damaging riders included in Section 739 of the House version of Ag Appropriations, horse meat processors will be able to pay a fee to receive the necessary USDA inspections that ensure humane handling and food safety through a system that is already in place and used to regulate the processing of meats like bison and elk.

The GAO Report released after the House took action on Ag Appropriations, HORSE WELFARE: Action Needed to Address Unintended Consequences of Domestic Slaughter Cessation, documents the decline in horse welfare, and the negative impacts on the overall equine economy as a direct result of the loss of a humane option for otherwise unwanted, unusable, excess horses.

Because of the back-door exclusionary efforts of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), Congress adopted these damaging riders, and the horse people of America never had an opportunity to explain their common sense reasoning for the humane and regulated processing of horses.

Congress never heard the information that would have prevented the unmitigated suffering of horses, and the economic evisceration of an entire sector of animal agriculture. We hope you correct this and afford the horse people of America a full and fair opportunity before destroying their ability to make a living with horses, and to raise their children and grandchildren with the joy of horses in their lives.

**Sincerely,
United Horsemen**

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