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Dear Mr. Madrid:

Given the recent U.S. Department of Agriculture report detailing the botched killing of a pig at USA Beef Packing LLC, during which the animal was electroshocked and burned and then remained standing and crying out while a worker repeatedly shot her in the head, we ask that you immediately change operations there in the hope of reducing animal suffering in your slaughterhouse.

In light of the egregious pain and terror that your staff caused this pig to endure in violation of federal law, won't you please stop slaughtering pigs? Rather than risking further, similar violations, you could focus on minimizing the stress and suffering of the other farmed animals you slaughter.

Will you please publicly livestream video from all areas of your facility where live animals are handled? Workers would take their duty to handle animals lawfully more seriously if they knew that caring people were watching. As the world's foremost expert on livestock welfare, Dr. Temple Grandin, writes, "Plants [t]hat are doing a good job should show what they are doing." Your industry often complains that today's consumers don't understand how animals are raised and killed for food. You could help by enabling us to observe your workers moving countless individual animals—who value their lives as we value ours—off crowded trucks in all weather, attempting to stun them, slashing or sticking their throats, and bleeding them to death.

At the very least, will you reassign your staff referenced in the federal report to jobs that don't involve having contact with any live animals—such as evisceration, butchering, and packaging—and report the involved personnel to your local law-enforcement agency for investigation for possible violations of the state's anti-cruelty statute?

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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