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SUBJECT : Please urge CANDIDATES to include "ANIMAL CRUELTY" in the =
ISSUES.=20

Dear Honorable Legislator ,

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES MUST INCLUDE "ANIMALS CRUELTY(especially =
FOOD ANIMALS)" IN THEIR ISSUES URGENTLY . We have not found any of the =
major presidential candidates including "ANIMAL CRUELTY" in their =
issues.=20

We would like to ask you to use your power and influence to urge =
all Presidential Candidates and Federal Election Commission to include =
"ANIMALS CRUELTY" ISSUE in their agenda.=20

The issue we are concerned most is "Humane Slaughter Act" (HSA). =
Congress passed the HSA in 1958 and broadened it in 1978. Among the =
HSA's most important provisions is the requirement that all animals be =
rendered unconscious with just one application of an EFFECTIVE STUNNING =
device by a trained person before being shackled and hoisted up on the =
line.=20

However, nearly 80 % of the 6100 slaughterhouses in the U.S. do =
not comply with the law. They hang animals upside down in the air with =
one leg tied with steel chain and then have their throats slit alive and =
then skin animals alive for leather despite their violent kicking , =
struggling, .screaming They burn and drown millions of pigs =
in 140 degrees water to death. Virtually, they do ANYTHING to =
torture and kill animals. All these is to achieve the most cost saving =
killing even for a couple of cents. EACH YEAR, just in U.S. alone , =
there are 125 millions of cattle, pigs , sheep (which is equivalent to =
half of the entire U.S. population), 300 millions of turkeys , and =
nearly 9 Billions of chickens are slaughtered for "FOOD". While the =
violation of the Federal Meat Inspection Act carries stiff fines and =
imprisonment , violations of the HSA carry NO penalties at all ! While =
in the celebration of the new MILLENNIUM, we are killing billions of =
animals every year more cruel than that in the STONE AGES in the massive =
scale. (reference: "SLAUGHTERHOUSE", chapter 1, by Gail Eisnitz, "Animal =
Liberation" by Dr. Peter Singer). Indeed, the United States is the =
MOST CRUEL COUNTRY ON EARTH TO BILLIONS OF ANIMALS just to satisfy =
American's Meat & Dairy industries ! More importantly, the extreme =

CRUELTY is under the protection of the United States Government and =
it's Congress ! The media also hide all the cruelty from the society ! =
Billions of animals every year just in this country alone live in the =
hell and die in the most cruel way too.

The next issue we are concerned most is the CRUELTY IN FACTORY =
FARMS. The EXTREME CONFINEMENT is the BIGGEST PROBLEM and its =
associated HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CATASTROPHE :=20

Based on the government figure, every year in the United =
States, there are 1.4 millions of Americans died from DIET related =
diseases , eg.: Heart Diseases, some Cancers, Strokes and Diabetes due =
to high saturated fat, high cholesterol and no fiber ANIMALS SOURCES =
FOODS. However, the United States Government continues to push beef, =
pork, turkey, chickens , cows milk , eggs to school children and the =
society too.

Each year, more than 91 million pigs were slaughtered and more =
than 17 billion pounds of pig flesh was produced in the U.S. =
Animals welfare is completely and totally ignored by the Congress, the =
President and the Industries. Once a sow has been impregnated, she is =
confined to a "gestation stall," 18 to 24 inches wide and about as long =
as her body. Unable to move or turn around, she is forced to live on a =
cold, bare cement floor in her own excrement for the entire pregnancy =
period 4 months. Then she is moved to a farrowing stall where she will =
give birth. The farrowing stall has approximately the similar =
dimensions as the gestation stall. Farrowings average 10 piglets per =
litter but range from six to 13. The purpose of the farrowing stall is =
to prevent a sow from crushing her offspring. The only reason the =
piglets are in such danger is that there is so little space, about 12 =
square feet, for a sow and all her litter. (Source: www.meatstinks.com) =
The extreme confinement to the sow have been pushing them to the =
psychiatric disorders. The confined sow is often found rubbing her =
snout back and forth across the front of the crate or frantically and =
repeatedly biting the metal bars..... =20

Every second, 125 tons of waste are produced by animals raised =
by the meat industry. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) =
estimates that almost half of America's surface streams and wells are =
contaminated by "agricultural pollutants."..... Every year, about =
125,000 square miles of rain forest (along with 1,000 plant and animal =
species) are lost---more than half of it is now used for grazing cattle. =
More than half of the total amount of water consumed in the U.S. is =
used to irrigate land to grow feed for livestock. To produce a pound of =
protein from feedlot beef requires burning 40 times more fossil fuels =
than to produce a pound of protein from soybeans. (Source: "Diet for a =
New America").

Veal factories take newborn male calves from their mothers and =
chain them in crates measuring only 22 inches wide and 58 inches long. =
This is where they will spend their entire lives. From his first day to =
his last, the life of a "milk-fed" veal calf is one of deprivation, =
stress, and disease . (Source: www.hfa.org) Nearly 50% of the all the =
antibiotics produced in this country are dumped to animals feed in all =
factory farms. According numerous health reports that such massive =
amount of antibiotics in animals flesh and by products creates resistant =
to antibiotics in human body. The drug is losing its power...=20

The meat and dairy industries deal in "downers" because they can =
still sell them for human consumption. Profits, not humane =
considerations, guides industry practice and downed animals suffer gross =
negligence and abuse at livestock facilities across the country. =
Downed animals commonly lay in alleyways, without food, water, or =
veterinary care, until it's convenient to take them to slaughter. They =
are dragged with chains or pushed with tractors or forklifts---practices =
which cause injuries and broken bones are so common. (Source: =

Intensively-reared chickens are crammed into crowded warehouses =
with tens of thousands of other birds. This overcrowding causes =
disease, suffocation, and heart attacks. Usually it allows only 0.55 =
square feet per bird, which is not enough even to spread one wing. (Even =
though USDA recommends 1.5 square feet.) (Source: www.upc-online.org , =
www.meatstinks.com).

As far as wildlife, the LEGHOLD TRAPPING CONTINUES. Steel-jaw =
leghold traps are brutally inhumane. These traps are designed to slam =
closed on the leg or other body part of an animal. Lacerations, broken =
bones, joint dislocations, and gangrene can result. Some animals chew =
off their own leg in a desperate attempt to escape. The majority of =
smaller animals (rabbits, squirrels, birds, etc.) unintentionally caught =
in traps die or must be killed because of serious, disabling injuries. =
EIGHTY-EIGHT countries have outlawed steel-jaw leghold traps. Ironically =
, the steel jaw leghold traps continue in our National Wildlife Refuges =
and supported by U.S. CONGRESS . (Source: www.hsus.org)

The above only listed a few examples of Animals Cruelty topics =
in this nation. We hope all media people could stand up and speak out =
to your readers , to our Congress and to all Presidential CANDIDATES. =
PLEASE URGE THEM TO INCLUDE "ANIMALS CRUELTY" IN THEIR ISSUES AND =
AGENDA.=20

In comparison with all other issues, eg.: Anti-Abortion issue, =
Health care issue, Social Security, Tax, Environmental issues..... =
even protecting the right of an unborn human gene are discussed all day =
... . However, billions of animals in excruciating pain and agony in =
this country everyday is almost completely NOT ADDRESSED (especially all =
FOOD ANIMALS) from any of the media nor from any of the politician. =
We actually live in the Atrocity times of the new modern Millennium.=20

We have seen Governor George Bush put "compassionate" word on his =
mouth often. However, sources said George Bush's family owns a PORK =
CASING COMPANY. Also from some investigative sources said he got THE =
MOST CONTRIBUTION from the SLAUGHTERHOUSES, BUTCHERS, FACTORY FARMS, =
TEXAS CATTLE RANCHERS..... (sources: <http://www.ewg.org> and =
<http://www.crp.org> etc.). MEAT INDUSTRY STRONGLY SUPPORTS HIM =
BEHIND.=20

Every year, in Texas, nearly half MILLION of White Tail Deer are =
legally killed in the name of "HARVEST" . Texas is one of the BIGGEST =
HUNTING STATES in the nation. Some sources said he and his father =
are hunters too. We had sent many letters to him before concerning =
about massive killing in Texas , HE NEVER RESPONDED EVEN ONCE .

From the history, President Bush had appointed JoAnn Smith as =
Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. Ms. JoAnn Smith was a CATTLE =
RANCHER, SPOKESWOMAN, POLICY MAKER TO THE MEAT INDUSTRY with strong =
support from "AMERICAN MEAT INSTITUTE".(Source: "Slaughterhouse" by Gail =
Eisnitz,chapter 21).=20

If Governor George Bush were the President, it could mean the =
BIGGEST ATROCITY for billions of animals who had already suffered =
unspeakable horror, bloody and cruelty in all stages of the factory =
farms , transportation, stockyard, slaughterhouses..... We expect he =
would greatly promote EXPORTING "MEAT" TO MANY FOREIGN COUNTRIES, =
ESPECIALLY CHINA after he becomes the U.S. President. Millions more =
helpless animals will be killed , skinned alive , burned and drowned =
alive in numerous slaughterhouses USDA could be filled even far =
more people from the MEAT & DAIRY INDUSTRIES. Well, with death penalty =
Bush had executed over 100, a record in 50 years.

While worrying, we are also very frustrated ! Because there are =

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