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Mr. Robert L. Trimble  
100 Crescent Court #250  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Dear Mr. Trimble:

I wanted to update you on what is happening with the Cavell Corporation and their plans for opening a horse slaughter plant.

Cavell Corp. did indeed return the first license issued to them by the Illinois Department of Agriculture. They did this voluntarily because there was some question as to the validity of the license. The Department of Agriculture relayed this information to me along with some misinformation concerning the issuance of another license. Being a very new Senator (since March '03), I did not verify the information and passed it along to my constituents. I have since learned that Cavell does intend to reapply for the license to open the plant in the near future.

I have been in contact with State Representative Robert Molaro's office concerning his House Bill 1921 which would prevent the plant's operation. This bill should come up for a vote this session and I do plan on supporting it. HB 1921 would prohibit the slaughter of horses for human consumption in Illinois and prohibit the trade and transport of horseflesh and live horses intended for human consumption. We are lobbying our fellow Senators and Representatives to support this bill.

I regret the confusion that this may have caused and assure you that I will work hard to see that House Bill 1921 comes up for a vote.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela J. Althoff".

Pamela J. Althoff  
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