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Dear Mr. Curry,

By way of introduction, I am the Chairman of the oldest Thoroughbred Auction Company in the country; we are 104 years old and among the horses we sold is Man O' War. Several years ago we started selling horses in the state of Texas, the results have been encouraging, and our desire is to expand our activities in your area, a goal which we feel will be good for us and good for Texas.

I am writing you because it has come to my attention that the only two remaining slaughter houses that slaughter horses in the United States are in your area, and that the meat from these slaughtered horses is all exported to Europe and Japan for human consumption. According to John Cornyn, Attorney General of the state of Texas, this is in violation of Chapter 149 of your agriculture code, and in his opinion, the Federal Meat Inspection Act, 21 USC Chapter 12 does not appear to preclude prosecution for violations of Chapter 149.

Though there is probably not complete unanimity on this subject it is no exaggeration to say that the vast majority of Thoroughbred owners abhor the slaughter of these animals which have served us all their lives, and that the American public, which was largely ignorant of this activity, is becoming increasingly aware of it and is shocked by it. Our company is active in the area of horse rescue, and views the continuation of slaughter as a long-term threat to our business (see attached folder).

More importantly from your point of view it appears to be against the laws of your state. We hope you will investigate and take appropriate action to ensure compliance with your laws and an end to this horrific trade.

Very truly yours,

D.G. Van Clief, Jr.

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