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May 17, 2023

Dear Mr. Strong:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition you submitted on May 16, 2023, on behalf of the Animal Welfare Institute, Compassion in World Farming, the Humane Society of the United States, Humane Society Legislative Fund, Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, and World Animal Protection. The petition requests that FSIS conduct rulemaking to require swine slaughter establishments that use carbon dioxide stunning to install video cameras inside their stunning areas. The petition argues that rulemaking is necessary to ensure that pigs are stunned in compliance with the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act.

Your request is being considered as a petition for policy change under FSIS' regulations on petitions (9 CFR part 392). Your petition has been referred to the Office of Policy and Program Development for review and has been assigned petition number 23-05. As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition will be made available to the public in the FSIS docket room and will be posted on the FSIS Website at:
<https://www.fsis.usda.gov/policy/petitions>.

You may contact Mary Porretta, Petitions Manager, Regulations Development Staff at mary.porretta@usda.gov if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Hammar".

Melissa Hammar
Director
Regulations Development Staff