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To Whom It May Concern,

In regards to the petition you received from the AWI: I have done some research and I was informed that sometimes it can take an extended period of time for your agency to process a petition.

Is it possible to speed up the process for this particular petition request to have cameras installed in the co2 stun/slaughter gondolas for pigs?

Pigs are the fourth or fifth most intelligent animals on the planet, according to experts, and are very sensitive. They are used in medical and laboratory experiments (unfortunately for the pigs) for the explicit reason that, to quote the American Medical Veterinary Association: "We know pain pathways are conserved across many species, and pigs are often used as a laboratory model to test the safety of chemicals and medications in humans. Therefore, we can assume their experience in **response to a chemical is similar to ours.**" A human being's response to the exposure to even low concentrations of co2 has been described as "excruciating."

I have done rough calculations and have determined that approximately five or six pigs are being (horrifically tortured) "stunned/slaughtered" every second worldwide by the use of co2 gas. The figure is probably higher considering China, which owns Smithfield Foods, has built "pig hotels" many stories tall to increase the quantity of pigs it can produce and slaughter using the same co2 gas method, which of course it copied from us.

With these concerns in mind would you please do everything in your power to expedite the decision to place cameras in the co2 gas gondolas so the inspectors and public can witness the extreme cruelty that occurs despite the injunction of the Human Methods of Slaughter Regulations which specifically states:

C.F.R.

"Title 9 - Animals and Animal Products

Chapter III - Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture

Subchapter A - Agency Organization and Terminology; Mandatory Meat and Poultry Products Inspection and Voluntary Inspection and Certification

Part 313 - Humane Slaughter of Livestock

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1901-1906; 21 U.S.C. 601-695; 7 CFR 2.17, 2.55.

Source: 44 FR 68813, Nov. 30, 1979, unless otherwise noted.

§ 313.5 Chemical; carbon dioxide.

(1) The carbon dioxide gas shall be administered in a chamber in accordance with this section so as to

produce **surgical anesthesia in the animals** before they are shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut.

The animals shall be exposed to the carbon dioxide gas in a way that will accomplish the **anesthesia**

**quickly and calmly, with a minimum of excitement and discomfort to the animals.** In swine, carbon dioxide may be administered to induce death in the animals before they are shackled, hoisted, thrown, cast, or cut.

I have been given general anesthesia at least seven times in my lifetime and the experiences were all pleasant. I always quickly drifted blissfully into unconsciousness. *Definitely not what is happening* to the pigs as is depicted in the videos heroically obtained by Raven Deerbrook of [stopgaschambers.org](http://stopgaschambers.org) and the Australian Chris Delforce of [bangaschambers.org.au](http://bangaschambers.org.au)

Please hurry. The sooner the cameras can be installed the sooner the horror of co2 "stun/slaughter" can be exposed and brought to an end.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Hugh Atnip

P.S. If it took you (about) 60 seconds to read this,(about) 240 pigs were tortured for (about) 60 seconds before dying.