

From: Farm Sanctuary <webmaster@farmsanctuary.org> on behalf of Kevin Crupi  
<webmaster@farmsanctuary.org>  
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2015 11:31 AM  
To: AGSEC - OES  
Subject: Support humane treatment of poultry--act on Petition Number #13-08

Apr 28, 2015

Secretary Thomas Vilsack  
Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, Room 200-A  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

I'm writing to thank the USDA for repeatedly recognizing that cruelty to birds is an issue that demands your attention, over which you have authority.

In 2005, for example, a Federal Register notice declared that stopping the abuse of birds is a "high priority" for the USDA, and a 2009 agency directive noted that "humane methods of handling and slaughtering ... increase the likelihood of producing unadulterated product," which the agency is legally obligated to address.

Please take the next step by acting on petition 13-08, which was filed by Farm Sanctuary and the Animal Welfare Institute, requesting that the USDA promulgate humane poultry regulations.

A key regulation that the USDA should require is the humane euthanasia of all birds who arrive at the slaughterhouse with broken wings or legs. Just try to imagine the agony of arriving to slaughter with broken limbs only to be dumped from your crate, snapped into shackles by hurried workers, and electrocuted -- it is beyond our worst nightmares.

Chickens are interesting individuals who compare favorably to dogs in scientific tests of cognitive and behavioral complexity, and they deserve better. There's no excuse for the common barbaric mistreatment of poultry and other animals on factory farms in an advanced society like the 21st Century U.S.

Please let me know of your decision at the address below. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kevin Crupi

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Mr. Kevin Crupi.

From: Farm Sanctuary <webmaster@farmsanctuary.org> on behalf of CAROL HALE  
<webmaster@farmsanctuary.org>  
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2015 9:52 PM  
To: AGSEC - OES  
Subject: Petition Number #13-08, for humane poultry slaughter

Apr 25, 2015

Secretary Thomas Vilsack  
Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, Room 200-A  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

I am writing to thank the USDA for repeatedly recognizing that cruelty to birds is an issue that demands your attention, over which you have authority.

A key regulation that the USDA should require is the humane euthanasia of all birds who arrive at the slaughterhouse with broken wings or legs. Just try to imagine the agony of arriving to slaughter with broken limbs only to be dumped from your crate, snapped into shackles by hurried workers, and electrocuted -- it is beyond our worst nightmares.

Please take the next step by acting on petition 13-08, which was filed by Farm Sanctuary and the Animal Welfare Institute, requesting that the USDA promulgate humane poultry regulations.

Chickens are interesting individuals who compare favorably to dogs in scientific tests of cognitive and behavioral complexity, and they deserve better.

Please let me know of your decision at the address below.

Sincerely,

Mrs. CAROL HALE

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From: Farm Sanctuary <webmaster@farmsanctuary.org> on behalf of Ellen Waggoner <webmaster@farmsanctuary.org>  
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2015 6:51 PM  
To: AGSEC - OES  
Subject: Poultry Slaughter - Petition Number #13-08

Apr 25, 2015

Secretary Thomas Vilsack  
Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, Room 200-A  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

I am writing to urge the USDA to promulgate humane poultry regulations. The USDA has already recognized that cruelty to birds is an issue that demands your attention, over which you have authority.

For example, in 2005, a Federal Register notice declared that stopping the abuse of birds is a "high priority" for the USDA, and a 2009 agency directive noted that "humane methods of handling and slaughtering ... increase the likelihood of producing unadulterated product," which the agency is legally obligated to address.

Please take the next step by acting on petition 13-08, which was filed by Farm Sanctuary and the Animal Welfare Institute, requesting that the USDA promulgate humane poultry regulations.

One of the most desperately needed regulations that the USDA should require is the humane euthanasia of all birds who arrive at the slaughterhouse with broken wings or legs. Just try to imagine the agony of arriving to slaughter with broken limbs only to be dumped from your crate, snapped into shackles by hurried workers, and electrocuted -- it is beyond our worst nightmares.

It is shameful that chickens are not afforded better treatment and protections. Indeed, chickens are sentient, interesting individuals who compare favorably to dogs in scientific tests of cognitive and behavioral complexity.

Please inform me of your decision at the address below. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ellen Waggoner

