

The Honorable Frank Pallone  
Chair  
Energy and Commerce Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rogers  
Ranking Member  
Energy and Commerce Committee  
U.S. House of Representatives

February 4, 2022

Dear Chair Pallone and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations and individuals representing diverse corners of the equine community, we write in support of the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act (H.R. 3355) to end the slaughter of American horses for human consumption in the U.S. and abroad. We respectfully urge that you move this bill forward in the Energy and Commerce Committee.

American equines have not been slaughtered in the U.S. since 2007, due to yearly Congressional action to ensure that no federal funds are used on this cruel practice. The American public overwhelmingly opposes horse slaughter and wants to see our nation's equines protected and treated humanely. Despite this overwhelming support for an end to horse slaughter, thousands of equines continue to be shipped across our borders each year for this purpose.

We are proud of the steps that the equine community has taken toward increasing retraining and rehoming options for horses and safety net services for owners and practitioners. It is critical for the welfare of our equines, the sustainability of the equine industry, and the protection of horse owners across the country that Congress end this predatory practice for good. We respectfully urge you to support the SAFE Act (H.R. 3355) and move this important legislation forward.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
Animal Welfare Institute  
Chris McCarron, Hall of Fame Jockey  
Homes for Horses Coalition  
Humane Society Legislative Fund  
Humane Society of the United States  
Humane Society of the United States National Horse Racing Advisory Council  
Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association  
In Our Hands Action Fund  
Julie Krone, Hall of Fame Jockey  
National Black Farmers Association  
Return to Freedom Wild Horse Conservation  
U.S. Trotting Association  
The Jockey Club