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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in reference to food safety hazards and the way the animals are being treated in the farming industry. It is disgusting to think these poor animals are caged, with no medical help when sick; they are beaten and maimed; there is little hygiene practiced. It's bad enough that people eat meat, but how they are treated is inexcusable. It is about time that you, as a government agency for the people, start actively looking into how these poor animals are being treated.

I'm sure you have read the horror stories of how chickens' beaks are cut off; how they are squished into small cages and never see the light of day; how cows are clubbed and beaten and how hogs are sometimes beaten and skinned alive! Can you imagine your own dog being treated like this. How would you react to this?

So please help them out. They are the innocents. Thank you.

Sincerely,


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