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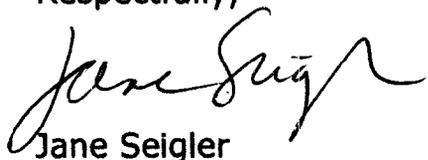
To Whom It May Concern:

I am the President of Reddemeade Farm, Inc., a large commercial riding stable in Ashton, Montgomery County, MD. We house approximately 70 horses, which are used for pleasure riding, showing, and in the teaching of riding lessons. Occasionally, we lose a horse to injury, illness or old age. In that case, we must use a commercial dead stock removal service to remove the carcass. This service is necessary, as we are unable to bury dead stock on our premises.

We are concerned that the above referenced proposed rule may substantially increase the cost of this service. That increased cost, together with the veterinary cost of euthanizing an animal, may force some farmers to consider selling unwanted or disabled horses at auction for slaughter, an action which Congress is currently moving to prohibit.

We urge you to reconsider the necessity of this rule.

Respectfully,


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