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Letters to the Editor
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Re: The Doyle-DeBoer-Long Save The Horses Initiative

Dear Editor,

I have read with deep concern the unnecessary controversy surrounding The Doyle-DeBoer-Long Save The Horses Initiative. For this reason, I am writing to you on behalf of The Humane Society of Canada and our 65,000 constituents to confirm that we offer our full and unequivocal support for the 1998 Save The Horses Ballot Initiative.

After travelling thousands of miles, injured and exhausted horses cross our Western border into slaughter houses located in the Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta. This long journey from California inflicts tremendous unnecessary psychological and physical trauma on these animals.

These shipments are only admitted across the border by Agriculture Canada veterinarians because they have determined that the animals will suffer relatively less by completing the remainder of the trip to the slaughter houses rather than refusing entry and sending them back, which would involve even greater suffering for these horses. In other instances, the trucks slip across the border in the dead of night and are never even examined by federal veterinarians.

Over the past twenty five years I have worked in over 60 countries on issues relating to animals and the environment. I have specifically investigated the trade in horses sent for slaughter in Canada, the United States, South America and Europe.

I hold a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree from the University of Guelph and have extensive hands on experience in working with horses.

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The Doyle-DeBoer-Long Save The Horses Ballot Initiative will go a long way towards reducing the unnecessary pain, suffering and injury inflicted upon thousands of horses destined for slaughter. The reality of that is not debatable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael O'Sullivan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Michael O'Sullivan
Chief Operating Officer