

State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCORD

May 18, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is an effort to assure you that it was never the intention of the sponsors of HB 339 to introduce horse slaughtering to the State of New Hampshire. As sponsors of this bill we are attempting to provide the statutory language necessary to implement a state run meat inspection program. Such a program will enable our farmers to sell their meat commercially within our state.

This program will not be able to start until the rules for the program are written and we have the money to hire an administrator for the program in the Department of Agriculture. We have no money now.

We are committed to bring in language in January of 2012 that will exclude horses from the meat inspection program.

Respectfully yours,

Rep. Robert H. Haefner, Chairman House Environment and Agriculture Committee

Rep. Tara A. Sad, former Chair and current member House Environment and Agriculture Committee

Rep. Laurie Harding, Prime Sponsor (HB 339)

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