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The Honorable Governor Jon Corzine
Office of the Governor
PO Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Corzine,

This is at least the third time I am contacting you regarding an Executive Order to ban the slaughter of horses and other species in the genus Equidae. Your aide, Ms. Misty Brown has never responded beyond stating that she received my faxes, emails, and video link I sent to her. I do not believe that you have ever viewed the video as my web site analytics application recorded one visitor to the video link on my server.

As Ms. Victoria McCullough may have told you, there is a pending lawsuit that was not filed by me or my investigative partner Amanda Sorvino. However, our investigation was infiltrated by the NJ SPCA and Humane Society of the United States attorney Sherry Ramsey. Their case will do absolutely nothing to end the slaughter of horses and their cousins in New Jersey. The NJ statute for 'cruelty to livestock' brings a fine of \$250.00 and that is all. The fine will be paid and the slaughter will continue.

Horses are NOT classified as 'livestock' by the American Veterinary Medical Association; they are classified as companion animals, service animals, therapy animals, and athletes. Please see the AVMA brochure on Equine euthanasia:

http://manesandtailsorganization.org/equine_euth_brochure.asp.htm

We do not slaughter our dogs on the K-9 police forces, nor should we slaughter a Mounted Police horse, or any horse for any purpose whatsoever.

The defendant is Monty J. Merola of Bravo Packing located in Carney's Point, NJ. Merola starves horses and some literally drop dead on his lot. He is beyond cruel as he hog ties the horses, often strikes them with baseball bat if he is not interested in wasting a bullet from his .22 caliber rifle with a scope. He has been known to shackle and hoist a horse and begin skinning it while it is fully conscious.

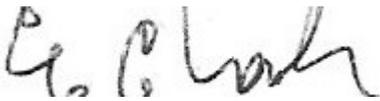
Horse slaughter by definition is illegal according to the Humane Slaughter Act of 1958. There simply does not exist a method of slaughtering a horse that can ever comply with the statute. I have an attorney in California who has taken the case as Merola is not the only defendant. This is a federal case as

Merola and all other defendants ship their product across state lines.

With one stroke of your pen, you could put Monty J. Merola, Frank Carper and Phil Wax out of business in NJ. Please discount what you have been told by Ms. McCullough as she is not familiar with the statute. I am writing Governor Edward Rendell to ask him to issue an Executive Order for his state of Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania is home to the New Holland Livestock Auction and too many horses that are stolen end up at that auction.

I thank you in advance for ending horse slaughter in New Jersey as the afore mentioned case will fail to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. C. Nash". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Ellen-Cathryn Nash
Legal Philosopher