



WHY THE SAFE ACT OF 2023 IS UNSAFE FOR HORSES!

OPPOSE H.R.3475/S.2037 KNOWN AS THE SAFE ACT AS CURRENTLY DRAFTED!

INTRODUCED AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2023 FARM BILL (EXPECTED TO PASS IN SEPTEMBER), TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE TO AMEND THE SAFE ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SLAUGHTER OF HORSES FOR BOTH HUMAN AND ANIMAL CONSUMPTION!

- The SAFE Act will reinstate the domestic slaughter of horses in the U.S. because it only prohibits the slaughter and export of horses for human consumption. By not prohibiting animal consumption as well, the pathway is cleared for the legal domestic custom slaughter of horses in the U.S.
- Native American tribes want to legally slaughter horses in custom slaughterhouses built on their reservations for animal food as a way to legally dispose of feral and wild horses on their lands.
- As currently drafted, there is nothing in the SAFE Act or any other law that would prevent truckloads of horses from deceptively crossing our borders into Mexico and Canada under the guise of being "slaughtered for pet and zoo animal food."

TO MAKE THE SAFE ACT TRULY SAFE FOR HORSES:

- **RETURN** language prohibiting the slaughter of horses for animal consumption.
- **REMOVE** loopholes that would allow for the operation of custom horse slaughterhouses on Native American reservations or anywhere else in the U.S.
- **ADD** an intrastate commerce clause to ensure that a complete ban of horse slaughter for any reason and for any kind of food takes effect in this country.

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The "SAFE" Act as currently drafted is not safe at all. It is deceptive and harmful and does not protect or deliver full protection from slaughter for America's horses. The good news is that *there is still time* for it to be easily amended. Please visit www.equineadvocates.org for more information and how to take action now!



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THE BOTTOM LINE IS:

- **SLAUGHTER IS SLAUGHTER** and it doesn't make any difference to the horse if he or she is being eaten by a human or a zoo animal.
- **SLAUGHTER IS SLAUGHTER** and it doesn't make any difference to the horse if it's done in a custom or commercial slaughterhouse.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Please visit www.equineadvocates.org for information on how to quickly alert the members of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees as to why the SAFE Act should not be allowed to pass as currently drafted, but instead must be amended immediately to include the important and vital provisions that would prohibit the slaughter of horses for the consumption of food of any kind without loopholes.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!

PLEASE SHARE THIS VERSION WITH MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEES AND WITH MEMBERS OF THE PRESS IN YOUR AREA.

The language below amends the "Dog and Cat Meat Trade Prohibition Act of 2018," and was submitted to the sponsors adding "horses" to the existing language prohibiting dog and cat slaughter. This is how the SAFE Act of 2023 should read to fully protect all horses in this country from slaughter. The necessary changes can be seen in **bold**.

H.R. 3475/S.2037

This Act may be cited as the

"Dog, Cat **and Horse** Meat Trade Prohibition Act Amendment of 2023".

To prohibit the slaughter of dogs, cats **and horses** for human **and animal** consumption,

SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON SLAUGHTER OF DOGS, ~~AND~~ **CATS AND HORSES** FOR HUMAN **AND ANIMAL** CONSUMPTION.

(a) In General. Except as provided in subsection (c), no person may—

(1) knowingly ship, transport, move, deliver, receive, possess, purchase, sell, or donate—

(A) a dog, ~~or~~ **cat or horse** to be slaughtered for human **and animal** consumption; or

(B) a dog, ~~or~~ **cat or horse** part for human **and animal** consumption.

(b) Scope.

(1) in **intrastate commerce**, interstate commerce or foreign commerce; or

(2) within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

Add definition: Horse means all members of the Equus family.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW!

SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

DON'T ALLOW TRADE-OFFS TO BE THE ENEMY OF GOOD!