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Daniel R. Garodnick 211 East 43rd Street, Suite 1205 New York, NY 10017

Dear Mr. Garodnick,

I am Mary Catherine ,a 6th grade student at the United Nations International School. In my CORE class, we learned about the UN Millennium Development Goals and some of the issues in the world. Our teacher asked us to create a report on a subject we are passionate about. I studied animal abuse and slaughter houses and made a presentation and report on this topic. This is because I know it is a serious issue.

In 2007, 1,212 dogs were abused and 335 cats were abused in the US. In the U.S., more than 9½ billion chickens, turkeys, and ducks; 120 million pigs, 40 million cattle, 3 million sheep, and 600,000 goats were killed for food in 2004. They are killed in painful ways, such as being boiled or having their heads cut off. Most puppy mills have no veterinary care, climate control, or protection for the animals from weather (hot, cold, rain, or snow). This can affect New York in many different ways. Imagine where we get our meat. I am vegetarian, but there are many people in this state have no clue where their meat comes from and are being told lies.

I am writing to you because I think we should take a stand. I have written this executive report highlighting important facts and ways to help. Maybe you can help promote awareness on animal abuse and slaughterhouses around New York. Also, at shelters such as the ASPCA, bedding for the animals is a big issue. Donating bedding would really help them. Maybe you could set up donation centers where people can drop in towels or food or toys. Hosting fundraisers is a great idea as well. Many animals will be adopted and have a happy home. Even spreading the word will help them out.

Thank you for reading my executive report. I have spent all year working on it and the fact that you have read it really makes it pay . I kindly ask that you respond to me by email or at my personal home address as school is coming to an end for the year.

Sincerely,

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