



The Honorable Frank Pallone
Chairman
House Energy & Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Ranking Member
House Energy & Commerce Committee
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Dear Chair Pallone and Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers:

On behalf the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, I write to express our support for the Prevent All Soring Tactics Act, H.R. 5441, a bill with overwhelming bipartisan support. We greatly appreciate your attention to the equine protection and urge you to pass this legislation as written to end the cruelty of horse soring once and for all.

The PAST Act would finally put an end to the barbaric practice of soring horses' legs and hooves to exhibit an unnatural gait. Congress tried to eliminate this torturous practice with passage of the Horse Protection Act decades ago. This legislation would finally end the failed industry self-policing system currently in place, and truly protect horses from this cruelty.

Thank you again for bringing this issue to the fore, and we request your strong support for PAST Act unamended in the upcoming committee markup.

Sincerely,

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