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Dear Chairman Pallone, Subcommittee on Health, House Committee on Energy and Commerce:

The United States Harness Racing Alumni Association strongly endorses the Safeguard American Food Export Act for all Standardbred horses, particularly the Standardbred harness race horses, which will be significantly impacted by passage of this legislation. Although many of our owners and trainers nationwide have been concerned about the outcome of race horses sold to auctions and slaughter buyers to be shipped to Canada and Mexico for the meat trade, we currently have no laws that prohibit these sales.

To sustain our horse racing sport, we must ensure that our horses which have given us so much, will be retired or re-homed, not sent to slaughter.

Our race horses receive medications and drugs which are not intended to be used in animals for human consumption. These animals are for racing and competition, and were never intended to be a part of the meat trade.

Respectfully,

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