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The Honorable Frank Pallone Chairman Committee on Energy & Commerce U.S. House of Representatives 2125 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jan Schakowsky Chairwoman Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce U.S. House of Representatives 2125 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Ranking Member Committee on Energy & Commerce U.S. House of Representatives 2322A Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Gus Bilirakis Ranking Member Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce U.S. House of Representatives 2322A Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone, Chairwoman Schakowsky, Ranking Member McMorris Rodgers, and Ranking Member Bilirakis,

We write on behalf of The Humane Society of the United States National Horse Racing Advisory Council to share our strong support for the Save America's Forgotten Equines (SAFE) Act (H.R. 3355) that will once and for all end the slaughter of American horses in the U.S. and abroad.

The Council was formed in 2016 and consists of a wide variety of horse racing industry professionals who seek to improve communication and foster cooperation between the animal welfare community and the horse racing industry regarding equine welfare. We also work together to improve the welfare of horses after their racing and/or breeding careers have ended, including expanding horse retirement opportunities.

The entire horse slaughter pipeline is filled with suffering, from the kill auctions, to crowded transport without food and water, to the wretched slaughter process itself. No horse should end a career on a dinner plate.

We urge swift passage of the SAFE Act for the protection of all American horses at risk of slaughter.

Sincerely,

Humane Society of the United States National Horse Racing Advisory Council