

Why the U.S. Must Reestablish Horse Processing:

For Horse Welfare

- Due to well-intentioned, but misguided regulations, the U.S. has thousands of horses living out the last of their days to die painful death of starvation and thirst.
- Horse rescues and sanctuaries nationwide are full and without without space to accommodate the continued problem of displaced and unwanted horses.
- The 2011 GAO report revealed that a lack of horse processing in the U.S. has exacerbated the suffering, and increased abandonment, neglect, pain and misery for horses nation-wide.
- Meanwhile, appropriation riders and bills that seek to eliminate humane horse processing in the U.S. offer **ZERO** solutions to dire circumstances for horses.
- While unappealing to some, a system of federally-regulated humane horse slaughter did exist prior to the prohibition.
- Humane horse slaughter is a method of euthanasia approved by **American Veterinary Medical Association** and **American Association of Equine Practitioners**.
- Horses chemically euthanized pose a significant risk of poisoning prey species and the surrounding environment.

For the U.S. Economy

- Reestablishing horse processing in the U.S. would **revive a \$112 Billion industry**.
- Reestablishing horse processing in the U.S. would **revive \$1.9 Billion in tax revenue**.
- Reestablishing horse processing would boost all businesses related to the horse industry from feed companies, saddle makers, trailer manufacturers to hay growers, tack stores and more!
- Reestablishing horse processing will create jobs immediately in hard hit states and tribal economies.
- States such as Iowa, Missouri, New Mexico, North Dakota, and Oregon have taken active steps to encourage humane horse processing in their states to enhance their struggling agriculture economies.
- Why is Congress standing in the way of improving welfare for horses, reviving the horse industry, and creating jobs?
- Chemically euthanizing the hundreds of thousands of excess horses would be extremely costly while also posing monumental environmental hazards.

For Protection from the Animal Rights Agenda

- The animal rights organizations opposed to humane horse processing are not involved with animal agriculture or animal husbandry. Why is Congress listening to what they believe is “best” for horses?
- The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) have left the horse industry to solve the disgraceful dilemma that HSUS created.
- HSUS used emotion and misinformation to pressure lawmakers to reinstitute the ban.
- The ban on horse processing is an infringement on private property rights and has been found to be unconstitutional.
- These so-called non-profits pay no taxes, create zero jobs, and offer no solutions, while doing everything they can to advance their anti-animal agriculture, and vegan agenda across America.
- The welfare, environmental, and economic costs are simply *not sustainable* by the current state of affairs for the horse industry or American agriculture.

