## Wild for Life Foundation Saving America's Horses



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URGENT! Calls Needed TUESDAY to STOP U.S. Government from FUNDING Horse Slaughter Business!

Return of commercial horse slaughter to the U.S.?

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug, Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Committee has released its <u>proposed appropriations budget for FY 2012</u>.

The <u>proposed bill</u> does **not** include a provision de-funding inspections for horses to be slaughtered for human consumption. The proposed bill does **not** prohibit use of funds to inspect horses to be slaughtered for human consumption. The <u>subcommittee report</u> does not mention it.

It is the de-funding of these ante-mortem inspections in appropriations measures that has prohibited commercial horse slaughter for human consumption in the U.S. since 2007. Now, if the subcommittee bill passes, it could mean the return of commercial horse slaughter to the U.S.

Go here for more on the de-funding and the court decision that upheld it.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

The proposed budget bill will be voted on by the full House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 5 p.m. EST in Room 2359, Rayburn House Office Building.

This meeting will be webcast. Audio and video of the hearing will be available by <u>clicking here</u>. Audio only will be available by <u>clicking here</u>.

Call the Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-2131 or the Committee's number at (202) 225-2638, (202) 225-2771 for Republicans and (202) 225-3481 for Democrat members. Here are the <u>names of committee members</u> to ask for when you call. <u>Go here</u> to find the direct phone numbers of committee members and for your own U.S. representative.

**Tell committee members and your own U.S. representative:** *Vote no on the appropriations bill unless the committee retains the language defunding inspections of horses to be slaughtered for human consumption* 

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