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James Dimon, CEO
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Dear Mr. Dimon:

Your urgent attention is requested. I am writing you on behalf of PETA, the world's largest animal rights organization, with more than 2 million members and supporters worldwide. Our office has received reports that JP Morgan Chase is using glue traps to rid its banks—specifically, Washington Mutual branches in the Chicago area—of rodents. Please know that rodent control need not be cruel—and glue traps are some of the cruelest products on the market, causing immense and prolonged suffering. The trapped and panicked animal struggles mightily, resulting in torn flesh, broken bones, severed limbs, and further entanglement in the adhesive, only to die-exhausted, frightened, injured, usually from shock, dehydration, or asphyxiation. **Research indicates that death does not come swiftly, taking more than 24 hours for some animals to die.** As these terrified animals struggle, they frequently lose control of their bodily functions, increasing the risk of possible disease transmission to anyone handling the traps.

Further, glue traps and other lethal methods will not control “nuisance” animal populations. When animals are removed from their habitat, more will move in to occupy the newly vacant niche. The most common lethal methods—poisons, fumigants, tracking powders, glue traps, etc.—are horribly cruel and often toxic. The only long-term way to control rodent populations is to contain available food sources and modify the affected area so that it is unattractive or inaccessible to them. If lethal measures are insisted upon, then the least cruel option available is the *enclosed* or *covered* snap trap (as opposed to uncovered snap traps). These corral the animal into position first in order to ensure that the animal is killed outright. These traps are readily available, cost-effective, and safe to use in high-traffic areas.

May we have your assurance that any glue traps currently set out on your properties will be immediately removed? We are happy to help you implement humane and effective methods of control. I can be reached at 708-485-5183 or via e-mail at JaniceN@peta.org. Please know that we have not alerted our membership or local media to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you right away.

Sincerely,



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