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Dear Mr. Nabors:

On behalf of PETA and our more than 1.6 million members and supporters, I'd like to congratulate you on winning the lottery! This must be a very exciting time for you and your family.

We have heard that you are planning to use your newfound financial freedom to "do a lot of fishing." I'm writing to ask you to pitch your fishing pole and pick up a hobby that doesn't involve hurting animals instead.

Fish are smart, interesting animals with unique personalities—just like the dogs and cats who share our homes. A recent issue of *Fish and Fisheries* cited more than 500 research papers on fish intelligence. Fish can use tools and have impressive long-term memories and sophisticated social structures—just like people. Fish can even learn to avoid nets by watching other fish in their schools. Some fish lay their eggs on leaves and then transport them to safer locations. I have enclosed some more information detailing the intellectual capabilities of fish.

Fish are fascinating and intelligent, but the most important reason not to hurt them is that they are as capable of feeling pain as all other animals. Imagine reaching for an apple on a tree and suddenly feeling your hand impaled by a metal hook that pulls you—the whole weight of your body dragging on that hand—out of the air and into an environment in which you can't breathe. This is what fish experience when they are hooked for "sport."

Rather than using your millions to spend time abusing animals, perhaps you could travel the world and enjoy nature without killing anyone. If you don't have one already, please buy a computer—or three—and check out www.FishingHurts.com for more information about fish, their personalities, and the fact that they feel pain just as dogs and cats do.

Thank you, and again, congratulations on your win.

Sincerely,

Matt Prescott
Factory Farming Campaigns Manager

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