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Jenna Bush, c/o the White House

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Dear Ms. Bush:

We at PETA can't fault you for your colorful behavior, like running naked in the hallways of an Argentinean hotel—something you might find us doing at any given time. But you were recently spotted doing something truly scandalous: eating foie gras, an item so cruel that it has been banned in several nations and parts of the U.S. Although a little nudity doesn't hurt anyone, eating foie gras certainly does. I hope that the news reports have it all wrong and that you were in fact eating mushroom pâté. If you were eating foie gras, though, the following facts may make you lose your lunch:

- Foie gras, which is French for “fatty liver,” is made by force-feeding ducks and geese such enormous amounts of grain and fat that their livers become diseased and painfully engorged. Many of the ducks sit and shiver, too sick to walk.
- Investigations at every foie gras farm in the U.S. and farms across Europe have documented sick, dead, and dying birds—some with holes in their necks from pipe injuries. Our investigator in New York State found ducks jammed into wire cages. Their beaks were bloody, and their wings were twisted together. At another foie gras farm, birds were found dangling by wires as blood spilled from their neck wounds onto live birds beneath them.
- People worldwide are increasingly associating foie gras with extreme cruelty to animals. California recently banned the sale and production of foie gras (effective in 2012), and Chicago banned the sale of this cruel product in 2006. Foie gras production has also been outlawed in the U.K., Germany, the Czech Republic, Finland, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Israel, and Denmark, and numerous companies worldwide have stopped selling foie gras. Sir Roger Moore has narrated a film decrying it (see GoVeg.com), and His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI denounced foie gras production as a violation of biblical principles.

In light of these facts, will you commit to never eating foie gras again? Please don't pay cruel companies to force-feed animals—it's simply un-American.

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at 757-622-7382.

Sincerely,



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