
RUSSELL SIMMONS

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Alderman Manuel Flores
Chicago City Council

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Dear Alderman Flores,

Chicago is one of the most beautiful cities in the world and one of my favorite places to visit. I was very pleased last year when the Chicago City Council took the compassionate step to ban foie gras in the city, but I am disappointed to learn from my longtime friends at PETA that Mayor Daley and some aldermen are trying to repeal the ban on this wretched “food.”

The way in which ducks and geese on foie gras farms are abused is not civilized, acceptable, or cool. These birds have pipes repeatedly rammed down their throats in order to pump their stomachs full of grain and fat. This induces a painful liver disease, and their diseased livers are then sold as foie gras.

Cruelty is wrong, regardless of whether the victim is a child, a dog, or a bird. Let’s come together to oppose all cruelty and injustice. I am asking that you support keeping this compassionate law in place—a law that Chicago can be truly proud of.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell Simmons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R".

Russell Simmons