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Alderman John Pope
Chicago City Council

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Dear Alderman Pope,

I was disappointed to learn from my friends at PETA that a few aldermen are trying to repeal the city's foie gras ban. Leadership and courage are as important in politics as they are in hockey, and Chicago demonstrated both of these qualities when it became the first U.S. city to ban the sale of foie gras because of the abuse inflicted on ducks and geese during the production of this cruel product.

As you know, foie gras is produced by ramming long pipes down birds' throats in order to pump large quantities of grain and fat into their stomachs. This force-feeding causes the birds' livers to become diseased and engorged. Then the birds are killed, and their diseased livers are sold as foie gras.

I hope that you will visit the Web site GoVeg.com and view video footage from the major foie gras factory farms in the U.S. It was revealed that birds in these farms were confined to tiny wire cages in dark sheds and that dead birds with holes punched in their throats were dangling from wires as their blood spilled onto birds below them.

People worldwide have condemned the cruelty inherent in foie gras production. His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI denounced force-feeding as a violation of biblical principles, and foie gras production has been outlawed in the U.K., Germany, the Czech Republic, Finland, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark, and Israel. In 2012, it will become illegal to sell foie gras in California.

As an Anaheim Duck, I hate to see real ducks tortured so that a handful of wealthy chefs can serve their diseased organs. Please uphold this compassionate law.

Sincerely,



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