

April 22, 2009

The Honorable Byron Brown
Mayor of Buffalo

1 page via e-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear Mayor Brown:

I am writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and our more than 2 million members and supporters—including thousands in the Buffalo area—to request some modifications to plans for the recently approved slaughterhouse on William Street.

PETA believes that if people are so addicted to meat that they cannot force themselves to stop eating the vile, decomposing stuff, they should see the blood, smell the viscera, and hear the screams of the animals in slaughterhouses. Instead of tucking slaughterhouses away in sparsely populated areas, we believe that they should be built in city centers so that meat-eaters can see and understand their complicity in causing the suffering that animals who are raised for food endure. We expect that Buffalo will see an uptick in the number of people who make the compassionate choice to switch to a vegetarian diet if this slaughterhouse is built and that business will boom for the Vegetarian De-lite sandwich at the Subway shop adjacent to the proposed site.

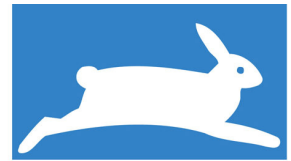
We recommend that the slaughterhouse be required to include the following three unique features:

- Large glass walls facing New Babcock Streets so that people can see the terror on animals' faces and witness their struggles
- An intercom system that would broadcast the animals' cries as they are prodded down the slaughter line, are hoisted up by a single leg, and have their throats cut
- A walkway above the kill floor that would accommodate school field trips and public tours, which would allow people to get a good look at the meat-production process

If we are correct that this slaughterhouse would prompt more people to go meat-free, Buffalo's citizens would see the health benefits. Vegetarians are far less prone to heart disease, certain common cancers, diabetes, and obesity than meat-eaters are.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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