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Greg Miller, President  
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Dear Mr. Miller,

Congratulations on the upcoming development of the former South St. Paul Stockyards. On behalf of PETA's more than 1.8 million members and supporters, we urge you to recognize this site's historical significance and honor the millions of cows auctioned off for slaughter there over the past 122 years by including a memorial to them in your construction plans.

Across the U.S. in places much like the South St. Paul Stockyards, more than 41 million cows continue to suffer and die every year. When they are still very young, these sensitive animals are burned with hot irons, have their testicles ripped out of their scrotums, and have their horns cut or burned off—all without any painkillers. Once they have grown large enough, many cows are sent to massive, muddy feedlots to be fattened for slaughter or to dairy farms, where they will be repeatedly impregnated and separated from their calves. When their bodies finally give out, they are killed.

Cattle raised for beef are usually born in one state, fattened in another, and slaughtered in yet another. They are transported hundreds of miles in all weather extremes, and many cows die on the way to slaughter. Those who survive are shot in the head with a bolt gun, hung up by their legs, and taken to the killing floor, where their throats are cut and they are skinned. Some cows remain conscious throughout the entire process.

Cows are intelligent animals with distinct personalities and long memories. Animal behaviorists have found that cows develop friendships, form social hierarchies within their herds, choose leaders based on intelligence, and are deeply loyal to their families. These gentle giants mourn the death of those whom they love—and even shed tears over their loss.

A memorial at the site of the former South St. Paul Stockyards would provide an opportunity for visitors to reflect upon the many animals who suffered there—and on how our food choices affect animals who continue to be raised and killed for their flesh. Attached are two proposed designs for your consideration.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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Manager of Factory Farming Campaigns

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