

# EXHIBIT 7

## DECLARATION OF KEITH DANE

I, Keith Dane, declare as follows:

1. I am Director, Equine Protection, with The Humane Society of the United States ("HSUS"). I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this declaration.
2. The HSUS is a non-profit organization that promotes the protection of all animals. The HSUS maintains its headquarters in Washington, DC and is the largest animal protection organization in the United States, with more than eleven million members and constituents.
3. The HSUS actively advocates against practices that injure or abuse horses and opposes the slaughter of horses for human consumption.
4. The HSUS has been actively involved in litigation and the support of legislation directed at the prohibition of horse slaughter and the transport of horses for slaughter. Furthermore, The HSUS offers information regarding the inhumane treatment of animals on a wide spectrum of topics, including the process of slaughtering horses for their meat.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, based on my own personal knowledge and experience.

Executed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, in Gaithersburg, MD.

  
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KEITH DANE