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Congressman Pearce needs your written permission to obtain the information needed to assist you to comply with the "Right to Privacy Act" of 1975. Only information related to your request will be obtained.

U.S. Congressman Stevan Pearce has my permission to make inquiries into my personal records and/or files as necessary to assist me in the matter I have presented to him and his staff.

Please provide the information requested below.

Name: Richard Delos Santos

Address: 5107 Thunderbird Ln.

City, State & Zip Code: Roswell, NM 88203

Phone number you can be reached at during working hours: 575 622 1214

Email: [redacted]@yahoo.com

Date of Birth: 1-21-62 Social Security, Claim or Case #: [redacted]

Are you a U.S. Citizen: Yes No Place of Birth: Here Ford, Tx.

Alien # _____

Date: 2.15.12 Signature: [Signature]

DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE A CASE PENDING WITH THIS OFFICE OR BEFORE A LOCAL, STATE OR FEDERAL COURT IN REGARD TO THIS MATTER?

NO YES, WITH THIS OFFICE YES, WITH COURT

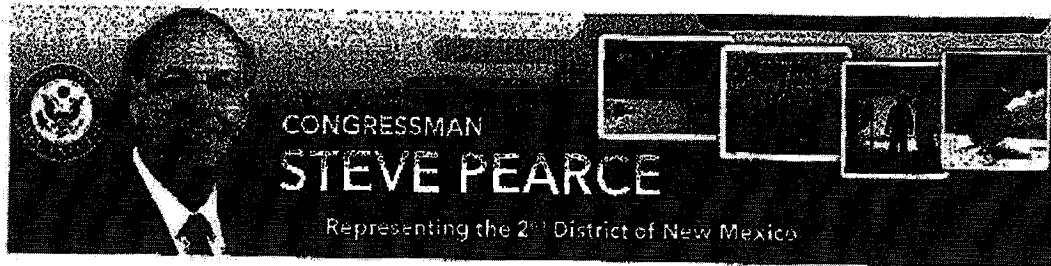
Have you contacted, or do you plan to contact any other Member of the New Mexico Delegation regarding this matter?

NO YES

Please state below (use extra paper if needed) to specifically state what you would like for us to do, and follow by describing the nature of your problem. Include as many details as possible, and return to the address on the previous page, along with copies of any relevant documents to this case.

Can your office please monitor an appeal process for my company through an FSIS office?

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From: Gloria A. Salas - Constituent Service Representative
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Date: March 8, 2012

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Food Safety and Inspection Service

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RE: Congressional Inquiry



Valley Meat Company, Inc.

February 13, 2012

Denver District Office
United States Department of Agriculture, FSIS
Denver, Colorado 80225

Re: Letter of Appeal

To whom it may concern: I am writing to appeal a decision to grant a waiver to 9CFR 305.2 in order to add the slaughter of equine to my current Grant of Inspection.

I believe that current industry economics demand that very small establishments expand on their economic base. This waiver denial impedes my business potential. I consider myself a very reasonable man with extensive experience (30+ yrs) in the slaughter industry and I argue that the plan of action that I propose is functional and reasonable to accommodate the additional species request.

I have already submitted that I will alternate slaughter days between cattle and equine versus the required GMP of a complete clean-up and sanitization between species. I am still not sure what the logic is in singling out equine in a sole purpose facility other than the obvious controversial challenge of equine slaughter and keeping things separate in the case of congressional challenges, but my plan of action considers the area of potential cross contamination of species as its main consideration. (see Exhibit A for example of product flow)

Please reconsider your decision and grant a waiver to 9CFR 305.2. The opportunity of potential pilot facilities to gather necessary Salmonella Testing and Drug Residue information to share with USDA at the cost of industry is quite ingenious. In speaking with IIC and the District office, the waiver denial has put me in a very limited and trying position in having to consider slaughter of equine only due to recent obligations of slaughter/process custom accounts procured in my quest for economic expansion.

I have fought the slaughter ban of down cattle at my facility and lost and I have fought the BSE testing blanket contract at my facility and lost. I currently fight the battle of transport of many UNFIT cattle to surrounding states at my facility with little hope of winning without enforcement from APHIS and animal welfare. It is now my belief that a waiver to 9CFR 305.2 will allow the continued and much needed expansion to my economic base in approving a multi-species grant of inspection till regulations can be challenged and changed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ricardo De Los Santos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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