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FAX MEMO TO: Secretary Tom Vilsack
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RE: Rebuttal to statements made by Congresswoman Sue Wallis

I am a Taxpayer and a Horsewoman (owner and rider)

Congressman Sue Wallis continues to grossly misinform the public and government officials. She claims to represent 'Equine Business.' She does not. She is not a horse owner, competitor, breeder or veterinarian.

1. The horse industry does not produce meat. They are not food animals in the U.S. Food animals are determined by how they are raised and regulated, therefore U.S. horses are non-food animals.
2. U.S. Taxpayers are tired of funding yet another useless welfare program. Ms. Wallis' wants to spend millions of Taxpayer dollars to benefit owners of less than 2% of the horse population.
3. It is morally and ethically wrong to send meat of any kind that is not safe for human consumption to 'unsuspecting countries.'

I applaud the USDA for doing their job and not issuing permits for horse slaughter inspections.

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