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Dear Governor Haley,

In the past week I have sent the attached to Senator Lindsey Graham, Tim Scott, Representative Tom Rice, Marion, SC Animal Abuse, The United States ASPCA, Soring Tip Line, Marion SC officials, 48 Hours, 20/20, WPDE TV 15, WIS TV, the SC Association of Veterinarians, and a list of others that I will share with you should you wish to know. I am also circulating a document that I am having concerned citizen's sign that I will mail return receipt to Senator Lindsey Graham.

I have only recently become aware of SORING in the past few weeks and I have not been able to remove this horrible abuse from my mind.

You will find a map enclosed as well where greater than 100 Tennessee Walking horses are trained at the brutal hands of Bryan Barnwell who is a known offender of Soring. If you will go to www.hpadata.org you can verify the records that confirm what I am sharing with you regarding this person. The enclosed map shows you the exact location of where this is going on.

I would like to know what you as the Governor of our state is doing to stop this abuse. I would like to know what else you recommend that I as a concerned citizen can do to stop this. I will be updating my facebook posts with the replies that I receive from our SC officials and I am looking forward to your reply. In the meantime greater than 100 horses suffer this abuse as you are reading this.

I appreciate your help regarding this matter.

With Kind Regards,

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Dear Senator Graham,

I hope this day finds you happy, well and prosperous.

My name is Pam Rogers. Just Pam Rogers- an ordinary citizen of this great United States and blessed that I live in this country.

Let me begin by informing you that I am not against animal shows or any other event that showcases the beauty of God's creatures. In fact I am very interested in any venue that allows us to see and revel in the beauty of an animal. What I am against is any event where any animal is shown that has endured abuse that would cause the animal to act or "perform" in any fashion that an animal would not produce were it not for the infliction of pain.

While there are many events in the news today that confound, confuse and cause me great concern, most recently I have become aware of one such issue that I cannot remove from my mind or heart. This is known as the act of SORING. If you are not familiar with this practice than please allow me to inform you that this is an act some horse trainers engage in to have the Tennessee Walking Horse and other gaited breeds to perform what is known in the horse world as the "Big Lick". This performance is induced by some trainers utilizing what is called SORING. SORING is applying caustic chemicals that burn the flesh of the legs of the horse, the injection of diesel fuel, hand sanitizer, kerosene or other substances into the hooves of the horse, or the application of heavily stacked shoes. These acts obviously cause pain so severe that when the foot of a horse suffering from SORING strikes the ground the reaction is for the horse to lift his foot even higher, inducing the "BIG LICK" that is rewarded with blue ribbons and certainly the almighty prize-money.

Again may I tell you that I am ordinary citizen. I possess no impressive degrees, no profound titles, I possess little money. With that being said, please allow me tell you what I do possess. I possess common sense, I possess the ability to form an intelligent sentence, and I possess a heart that is full of love, a heart that is full of compassion. I possess a heart that believes in God and kindness towards all, including animals. I possess a tenacity like I have never known related to the kindness of animals. I will inform the ear of every person I meet with the facts that I have informed you of today. I will not let any opportunity I have to inform any person I come in contact with about the practice of SORING. I will not let any person I come in contact with know that, in addition to SORING, these horses are often confined to a stall and never allowed out in a pasture, they never know the joy of sunshine on their backs, and they never know what it feels like to run in the rain or frolic in green grass. Many remain in stalls twenty four hours a day, seven days a week and the only time they are allowed out is when they are clamored

together and hoarded onto a truck and transported to a show, only to suffer painful injections and other tortuous acts so that they can "perform".

I believe that one person, through the education of many, can affect a change. I will be that person. Please be assured that I will be that person. I have researched and gathered the addresses of a vast amount of persons, organizations and others that possess the same heart and compassion that I do regarding the issue of SORING and animal abuse. I will write and educate furiously on this topic at every single venue I have the opportunity, be that at lunch with a friend, my job, the bank, the grocery store, or on any occasion that find myself in the company of one or many, I will educate on this topic. The PACT (H.R. 3268/S 1121) act is an act that congress will hear and vote on and when I educate on this topic I will also educate on the action that each and every politician took regarding this act. I want the fines and the penalties for those convicted of SORING or the abuse of any animal increased. I want the penalties to be of such a consequence and so substantial that one with the demented mentality to abuse an animal would not be able to overcome them.

I, as have many, have grown weary of a government that is so engrossed in red tape, corruptness, and personal gain that the issues we as a nation face often seem insurmountable but I have not yet given up all hope and I pray that I never do. I start today with one issue that I lay at your feet and that is the abuse of animals. I believe that as Gandhi stated "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated".

I look forward to your reply and request again that you inform me of what your office is doing to stop this abuse. I would also like for you to tell me what else I as a citizen of this state can do to ensure that this is no longer tolerated.

With Kind Regards

Pam Rogers



Area behind 2099 Methodist Church Rd Marion SC. This is where over 100 Tennessee Walking Horses reside and suffer SORING. These horses have no pasture and are never out of their stalls unless they are taken to a show. The owner of these stables is Bryan Barnhill. Over 100 Tennessee Walking Horses are boarded and sored here.

Tree Line



PRIVATE REIDENCE

*not where the SORING is occurring

Small barn houses 2 horses

*Not where the SORING is occurring



Barn

2099 Methodist Church RD Marion , SC