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Members of the Judicial Committee,

Hopefully, you have read some of the information I sent you with my first letter urging for the tabling of SB 221.

I have just a couple of points I would like to clarify to what I have already written.

Carbon County, the county of my residence, has never had any type of animal control or animal rescue facility. There were times when the local law enforcement, be it Sheriff's dept or City police, would tie animals up to our fences for us to take care of the problem. We never received any compensation nor did we ask for any.

I mentioned before how we have had property damage and animals stolen.....I want you to see what the last dog looked like that was dragged off our property about three weeks ago. This dog was the first shelter dog I ever got out of the Billings Animal Shelter. His name was Jesse and he was 6 or 7 when we got him out in 2001....so that would make him about 14 or 15 years old....pretty amazing for a giant breed to live this long. To make a long story short, I had confronted one of the HSUS "foot soldiers" the morning before he disappeared and that night, they took him. There was a struggle....we saw the signs of it and it was turned into the Carbon County Sheriff's Dept. These cowards continue to get away with all the thefts and vandalism because they know how strapped the local law enforcement is. I even had cameras up, but they knew how to go around them. I don't hold out much hope for finding the dog....according to most of the articles I've found on the internet.....they usually euthanize them. The Animal Rights people feel the animal is better off dead then being a companion animal to a human. The rhetoric is all over the internet.....HSUS and Fraud or Animal Rights Fraud.....

I know there are bad people out there who don't have the best interests of the animals in mind.....but passing legislation without knowing all the facts, is just as much a disservice to the animals as it is to the people you represent.

The next time Mr Paulie stands before you, ask him about the letter he wrote and I gave you earlier, who the people and groups are.....the ones coming to my place accusing me of neglect and cruelty.....I'm up there pretty much all the time.....so they had to be coming when they knew I wasn't there or in the middle of the night. Then ask him, why he stole my old dog.....she never hurt anyone or did old Jesse.

One last point, Carbon County never paid anything to the HSUS on my case. Yellowstone County has a copy of the same letter from Dave Paulie of the HSUS to Bob Eddleman. I also told Dan Swartz, Yellowstone County Deputy Attorney, that the HSUS stole my dogs and cats....they, as well as the city of Billings, continue to ignore the obvious.

Last, with regards to the Linda Kapsa case, if the rumors are true and Kapsa asked for help or her daughter was in contact with the county officials before the raid and said she had help to move most of the dogs to rescues in North Carolina, then the big raid was nothing more than a big publicity stunt at the cost of the local tax payers. Someone needs to be held accountable in addition to Ms Kapsa.

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7 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT HSUS (THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES)

1

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES (HSUS) IS A "HUMANE SOCIETY" IN NAME ONLY, SINCE IT DOESN'T OPERATE A SINGLE PET SHELTER OR PET ADOPTION FACILITY ANYWHERE IN THE UNITED STATES. During 2006, HSUS contributed only 4.2 percent of its budget to organizations that operate hands-on dog and cat shelters. In reality, HSUS is a wealthy animal-rights lobbying organization (the largest and richest on earth) that agitates for the same goals as PETA and other radical groups.

2

BEGINNING ON THE DAY OF NFL QUARTERBACK MICHAEL VICK'S 2007 DOGFIGHTING INDICTMENT, HSUS RAISED MONEY ONLINE WITH THE FALSE PROMISE THAT IT WOULD "CARE FOR THE DOGS SEIZED IN THE MICHAEL VICK CASE." *The New York Times* later reported that HSUS wasn't caring for Vick's dogs at all. And HSUS president Wayne Pacelle told the *Times* that his group recommended that government officials "put down" (that is, kill) the dogs rather than adopt them out to suitable homes. HSUS later quietly altered its Internet fundraising pitch.

3

HSUS'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT INCLUDES A FORMER SPOKESMAN FOR THE ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT (ALF), A CRIMINAL GROUP DESIGNATED AS "TERRORISTS" BY THE FBI. HSUS president Wayne Pacelle hired John "J.P." Goodwin in 1997, the same year Goodwin described himself as "spokesperson for the ALF" while he fielded media calls in the wake of an ALF arson attack at a California veal processing plant. In 1997, when asked by reporters for a reaction to an ALF arson fire at a farmer's feed co-op in Utah (which nearly killed a family sleeping on the premises), Goodwin replied, "We're ecstatic." That same year, Goodwin was arrested at a UC Davis protest celebrating the 10-year anniversary of an ALF arson at the university that caused \$5 million in damage. And in 1998, Goodwin described himself publicly as a "former member of ALF."

4

HSUS RAISED A REPORTED \$34 MILLION IN THE WAKE OF HURRICANE KATRINA, SUPPOSEDLY TO HELP REUNITE LOST PETS WITH THEIR OWNERS. BUT COMPARATIVELY LITTLE OF THAT MONEY WAS SPENT FOR ITS INTENDED PURPOSE. Louisiana's Attorney General shuttered his 18-month-long investigation into where most of these millions went, shortly after HSUS announced its plan to contribute \$600,000 toward the construction of an animal shelter on the grounds of a state prison. Public disclosures of the disposition of the \$34 million in Katrina-related donations add up to less than \$7 million.

5

AFTER GATHERING UNDERCOVER VIDEO FOOTAGE OF IMPROPER ANIMAL HANDLING AT A CHINO, CA SLAUGHTERHOUSE DURING NOVEMBER OF 2007, HSUS SAT ON ITS VIDEO EVIDENCE FOR THREE MONTHS, EVEN REFUSING TO SHARE IT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. HSUS's Dr. Michael Greger testified before Congress that the San Bernardino County (CA) District Attorney's office asked the group "to hold on to the information while they completed their investigation." But the District Attorney's office quickly denied that account, even declaring that HSUS refused to make its undercover spy available to investigators if the USDA were present at those meetings. Ultimately, HSUS chose to release its video footage at a more politically opportune time, as it prepared to launch a livestock-related ballot campaign in California. Meanwhile, meat from the slaughterhouse continued to flow into the U.S. food supply for months.

6

ACCORDING TO A 2008 LOS ANGELES TIMES INVESTIGATION, LESS THAN 12 PERCENT OF MONEY RAISED FOR HSUS BY CALIFORNIA TELEMARETERS ACTUALLY ENDS UP IN HSUS'S BANK ACCOUNT. The rest is kept by professional fundraisers. And if you exclude two campaigns run for HSUS by the "Build-a-Bear Workshop" retail chain, which consisted of the sale of surplus stuffed animals (not really "fundraising"), HSUS's yield number shrinks to just 3 percent. Sadly, this appears typical. In 2004, HSUS ran a telemarketing campaign in Connecticut with fundraisers who promised to return a minimum of zero percent of the proceeds. The campaign raised over \$1.4 million. Not only did absolutely none of that money go to HSUS, but the group *paid* \$175,000 for the telemarketing work.

7

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT HSUS'S HEAVILY PROMOTED U.S. "BOYCOTT" OF CANADIAN SEAFOOD—ANNOUNCED IN 2005 AS A PROTEST AGAINST CANADA'S ANNUAL SEAL HUNT—IS A PHONY EXERCISE IN MEDIA MANIPULATION. A 2006 investigation found that 78 percent of the restaurants and seafood distributors described by HSUS as "boycotters" weren't participating at all. Nearly two-thirds of them told surveyors they were completely unaware HSUS was using their names in connection with an international boycott campaign. Canada's federal government is on record about this deception, saying: "Some animal rights groups have been misleading the public for years ... it's no surprise at all that the richest of them would mislead the public with a phony seafood boycott."

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