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Dear Nicholas,

On behalf of PETA and our more than 6.5 million members and supporters worldwide, I'm writing to urge you to release Eve the calico lobster back into the ocean.

Lobsters are sensitive animals who are like us in many ways—they develop complex relationships, show affection by holding "hands," have individual personalities, and, of course, experience pain. Robert Elwood, a professor emeritus of animal behavior at Queen's University Belfast, confirmed that there is just as much evidence that crustaceans experience pain as there is that many vertebrates do, and invertebrate zoologist Dr. Jaren G. Horsley said that lobsters have a "sophisticated nervous system" allowing them "to sense actions that will cause ... harm." He asserts that they feel "a great deal of pain from being cut open ... until [the] nervous system is destroyed." When kept in tanks, lobsters can suffer from stress associated with confinement.

Attitudes concerning the treatment of lobsters are changing around the world, as more people realize how sensitive these animals truly are. Eve is a feeling individual who deserves to live in her ocean home. If you make this kind decision, you'll be in good company. Just last summer, a rare blue-colored lobster was liberated by staff members at a restaurant in Portland, Maine, after they became so taken with her that they named her Blue Betty before returning her to the ocean. Please, follow their example by granting Eve her freedom. We'd be happy to arrange to transport her back to the ocean, as we've done with many other lobsters over the past 30 years. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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