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The Honorable George W. Bush
The Office of George W. Bush

Dear Mr. Bush,

We're sending you a gift of delicious "fakin' bacon," to thank you for mentioning the [story](#) of a PETA activist who drew your attention to the pollution caused by animal agriculture while you dined at a restaurant in Greenville, South Carolina, several years ago. You called this activist's efforts to educate the public "a sign of things to come," and between recent [reports](#) that animal agriculture is among the largest sources of water pollution in the U.S. and the World Health Organization's statement that meat is responsible for giving so many Americans [cancer](#), you're absolutely right! Since that day in Greenville, ever more people have been switching to healthy vegan alternatives to meat as they become aware of the damage that the meat industry is inflicting on the environment and our health. And of course, vegans save more than 100 animals a year from the routine cruelty of the meat industry, such as confining mother pigs to metal-and-concrete cages so small that they can't even turn around inside them. I know that you have always loved your dogs, and I bet that if you had pet pigs, you would love them, too, and wish to protect them.

We wish you a long and happy retirement—which switching to vegan foods like this "fakin' bacon" could help bring about.

Sincerely,

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