



PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

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The Honorable Rex Tillerson
Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary,

On behalf of PETA and our more than 5 million members and supporters worldwide, thank you for calling on North Korea to abandon its nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Our charitable purpose is to speak for the billions of animals who suffer at human hands in all manner of ways, and if North Korea fires an intercontinental ballistic missile at the United States, members of the human species will not be the only casualties. All species suffer in war, and an all-out nuclear war could mean the destruction of all living beings on the planet.

Fully aware of the seriousness of this issue, we have created a tongue-in-cheek advertisement intended to draw attention to the peaceful coexistence that you advocate, and we hope you like it. We want everyone to go vegan so as to spare animals suffering in the factory-farming and slaughter industries and because eating vegan has been shown to help curb violence. At Alabama's highest-security prison, for example, prison operators found that serving inmates vegetarian meals as part of a violence-reduction program resulted in a significant decrease in behavioral problems, and other prisons have followed suit. By contrast, choosing to consume meat, eggs, and milk supports extreme violence, so learning to empathize with animals and to treat them kindly can only increase our compassion for all living beings. We're pointing out this link in our call to Kim Jong-un to change his diet, which might just lead to a change of heart in his dealings with other nations. You never know!

We will draw attention to the danger of North Korea's missile tests and encourage people to choose nonviolence in their own lives by posting this banner on our fence, thereby reaching the many commuters and visitors who file past our 16th Street office here in Washington, D.C.

Very truly yours,

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