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Dear Messrs. Nadeau and Duval:

Your attention is urgently requested. PETA has received a whistleblower report alleging that thousands of pigs in the Olymel L.P. supply chain are being killed by cutting off the ventilation systems in their factory farm sheds, causing a slow and terrifying death by heatstroke and suffocation. We are told that this profoundly cruel form of slaughter is a result of the ongoing labor dispute at Olymel's Vallée-Jonction slaughterhouse and that hundreds of thousands more pigs are at risk of being killed in the same agonizing manner on other severely crowded factory farms.

Pigs already face an awful fate in the pork industry, from being rendered immobile in cramped crates and confined to filthy sheds for life to being forced into trucks and killed via throat-slashing at just a fraction of their natural lifespan. At the very least, they should be spared the horror of death by suffocation and heatstroke. Common decency demands that you give these animals—who have suffered day and night for months, if not years, and to whom you owe your livelihood—the quickest, least painful, and least cruel death possible. Having been denied everything that is natural and important to them—such as basking in the sun, breathing fresh air, and establishing their own social structure—these animals surely deserve better than being roasted alive.

Given Olymel's claim that "the humane treatment of animals is a fundamental value,"¹ **we urge you to implement an immediate prohibition on killing pigs by any form of "ventilation shutdown."** I can be reached at ColinH@peta.org, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

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¹Olymel L.P.. *Feeding the World, Thinking About Tomorrow*. <https://www.olymel.ca/en/social-responsibility/>.

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