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Anthony Hucker
President and Chief Executive Officer
Southeastern Grocers

Via e-mail: [REDACTED]

Re: Whistleblower report of ducks suffering and dying at your supplier

Dear Mr. Hucker:

I'm writing to share a disturbing whistleblower report from Culver Duck Farms Inc., whose "humane" duck meat it boasts that your company sells. **We urge you to watch the video [here](#), read the whistleblower's statement [here](#), and take immediate action.** The whistleblower told PETA the following:

- Every day, dozens of conscious ducklings are tossed into a macerator and ground up alive.
- So many males are confined to crowded sheds that females are "gang raped" and left bloody, swollen, and scabbed, often on wet bedding.
- The company fails to correct obvious issues on contractors' farms. At one, feed poured out of a malfunctioning pipe and fatally buried three ducks.
- A video feed from Culver's slaughterhouse revealed that ducks appeared conscious while workers were cutting their throats.

Despite all this—and [our own investigation](#), which found workers bludgeoning, kicking, throwing, and decapitating ducks—the company misleadingly claims that all the birds in its custody are "humanely raised." Please keep in mind that labels and "animal welfare" certifications such as that promoted by Culver are designed to deceive consumers as to the true nature of companies' operations—not to protect animals.

Please reconsider selling duck flesh from Culver immediately, as your shoppers will be appalled by this video. We hope you'll take swift and decisive action in light of this disturbing report. Please let us know if and when compassionate consumers closely following this case can expect the ducks at Culver to be removed from your supply chain. We look forward to your reply and would be happy to meet with you to discuss this important matter. I can be contacted at ColinH@peta.org.

Sincerely,

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