



November 19, 2022

The President and Dr. Jill Biden
The White House

Dear Mr. President and Dr. Biden:

I'm writing on behalf of PETA, the world's largest animal rights organization, and all people who are vegetarian or vegan, whether for humane, environmental, health, or religious reasons, with a respectful plea. Now that King Charles has banned foie gras from his royal residences, will you please follow his lead by pardoning ducks and geese, not just turkeys, this Thanksgiving and enacting a foie gras-free policy at the White House? We'd be delighted to send you delicious and decadent *faux* gras to sample.

Foie gras production is an abysmally cruel and barbaric process, during which several pounds of fat and grain are pumped into birds' stomachs every day through tubes that are shoved down their throats, causing their livers to swell to up to 10 times their normal size. In some cases, the birds' organs rupture. Investigations at every major foie gras farm in the U.S. as well as farms across Europe have revealed sick, dying, and dead animals—some with holes in their necks from injuries received during force-feeding. Those who survive the force-feeding are violently killed, and their bloated livers are sold as foie gras.

Because of increased awareness of the extreme cruelty involved in this process, people around the world are avoiding foie gras. California banned the sale and production of this vile dish, effective in 2012, and Vice President Harris successfully fended off attempts to reverse the state's prohibition on the sale of it during her tenure as California's attorney general. Foie gras production has also been outlawed in more than a dozen countries, including Israel. Even several French cities, like Lyon, have enacted a ban on serving it at official events, dinners, and receptions. We encourage you to follow suit by banning foie gras from the White House.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

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