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Dear Mr. Cranston:

I'm writing today from PETA because we are concerned—and have received many inquiries from the public—about the *dishonorable* rodeo scene in *Your Honor*. We understand that the scene, which was your idea, has already been shot—and promoted!—but given that [every animal protection group in the world has denounced rodeos because of the cruelty inherent in them](#), we're calling on you now to publicly denounce the spectacle as the animal abuse that it is.

[In the video](#) shared on your Instagram account, Peter Sollett asks, "How in the world do we put actors in a bullring with a 1,000-pound bull? And how do we do that safely?" The answer is that *you don't*. Doing so only serves as a throwback to a much less enlightened time, when people failed to see animals as the sentient beings they are. Rodeos terrorize bulls (who are normally tame, docile animals) with stress-inducing stimuli, typically including the use of cruel electric prods, flank or bucking straps, and spurs—all of which burn, wound, or dig into the animals' skin and sensitive tissue—in order to make them appear to be fierce and aggressive. Bulls don't charge and attack unless provoked.

The show's producers did an appalling disservice to animals and their advocates by choosing to force a real animal to partake in this scene, instead of relying on CGI or existing footage, which could have and should have been done. Remember that for viewers, this is just TV. But for the animals, it's real-life abuse—and that's simply far more important.

Mr. Cranston, will you please commit to using humane technology such as CGI in future projects if a scene calls for the inclusion of animals?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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