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February 16, 2024

The Honorable Jay Collins Florida State Senate

**Dear Senator Collins:** 

I'm writing on behalf of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals—PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters globally, including hundreds of thousands in Florida. It's come to our attention that you have introduced SB 1084 to bar anyone in the state from what should be their right to obtain *in vitro* meat, if it should ever become available. In the interests of transparency, we suggest that you rename your bill the "Special Interests' Dirty Habits Retention Act of 2024"—because that's truly what it is.

Or better yet, scrap this boneheaded bill and redirect your efforts to ensuring that every Floridian knows exactly how filthy and cruel factory farming is and how they can enjoy fresh, delicious *vegan* foods right now, no wait, and without supporting, as your bill does, cruelty to animals.

Despite your fears, cell-cultured meat may never materialize, but we need to give meat the boot right now.

Animal agriculture is wreaking havoc on the environment—including the increasing intensity of storms and hurricanes ravaging Florida's coasts. The meat industry is one of the world's largest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions and deforestation, and I hope our suggestion to name this bill inspires you to think hard about the favoritism being afforded to special interests that aren't in the best interests of Floridians and other humans around the planet.

Otherwise, shame on you.

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Clay Yarborough Florida State Senate

Dear Senator Yarborough:

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The Honorable Danny Alvarez Florida House of Representatives

Dear Representative Alvarez:

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The Honorable Tyler Sirois Florida House of Representatives

Dear Representative Sirois:

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