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Sheriff Travis Johnson
Deputy John Carey
Malheur County Sheriff's Office

Dear Sheriff Johnson and Deputy Carey:

For the third time in five months, we are providing you with timely, eyewitness evidence of ongoing neglect of goats at Grand Barr Dairy (GBD), located at 1049 Grand Ave., near Nyssa. Your repeated orders to the farm's owner-operators to improve conditions for their animals have fallen on deaf ears, and goats continue to languish as a result—crippled, confined in filth, emaciated, and sick with contagious infection. **Yet again, we urge you to file felony and misdemeanor charges of animal abuse and animal neglect against the suspects—as is your duty, per O.R.S. § 133.379—and secure the surrender or impoundment of all goats there.**

Attached is a declaration from *another* eyewitness who worked at GBD, referencing video footage and photographs that they captured there. This eyewitness—like the one who brought their findings to your office on October 7—is available for an interview, will testify to the facts in the attached declaration, and will verify that they captured these video recordings and photographs. *To be abundantly clear: These two eyewitnesses will readily appear in court to recount their observations at GBD.*

The latest eyewitness's findings demonstrate that many of the violations of law the prior eyewitness and PETA described and discussed in our October meeting at your office—including a lack of minimum and veterinary care—persist. **Several goats whose plights were detailed in that October complaint have *still* not received any relief from their suffering**, approximately 10 weeks after we met with you—and more than a month since you issued your latest (ineffective and unenforced) warning to the suspects to provide lawful care to these animals.

Beginning on October 17, 2025, this third eyewitness saw and documented that the suspects …

- Fail to provide veterinary care or humane euthanasia to:
  - The crippled goat identified as "Tina" in our October 7 complaint, who was unable to stand or walk on her front legs. As you may recall, one suspect admitted *on September 2* that this goat was in pain and should be put down. Based on the eyewitnesses' combined evidence, the suspects have denied this goat legally required care for at least 17 weeks and counting.
  - The goat identified as "Dahlia" in our October 7 complaint, who has a pronounced limp, lameness in her forelegs, and—according to a senior worker—arthritis caused by a viral infection. Based on the eyewitnesses' combined evidence, the Barrs denied this goat legally required care for at least 15 weeks and counting.

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  - Emaciated goats (whose ear tags read “217” and “11”) who, according to a senior worker, suffer from intestinal parasites. PETA’s first investigator saw that these goats were held in GBD’s “hospital ward”—meaning that the suspects were aware that they were sick and/or underweight and required extra care—beginning on August 24, and they have apparently been held there continuously ever since.
  - An underweight goat (whose orange ear tag reads “661”) who struggles to stand and walks with a severe limp.
  - Goats with rupturing abscesses apparently caused by an untreated and contagious bacterial infection.
- Neglect to trim some goats’ hooves, leaving them to become severely overgrown, which causes pain and suffering to the animals.
- Confine goats—including those deemed by the suspects to be sick or underweight, and one with reported sores on the bottoms of her feet—in filthy pens that contained at least two weeks’ worth of waste.

The above actions and failures appear, yet again, to violate O.R.S. § 167.325. And yet again, experts in small ruminant medicine and behavior confirm that the conduct documented by this eyewitness does not constitute the “good animal husbandry practices” exempted from prosecution by O.R.S. § 167.335. (See attached, “What the Experts Say December 2025.”)

On October 13, Sheriff Johnson, you told PETA that District Attorney Goldthorpe had agreed that our first investigator’s findings are “definitely actionable evidence” and that criminal charges are merited and would be filed. On October 15, Goldthorpe corroborated this, writing to PETA that you were “still deciding … what charges to cite for.” On October 21, Deputy Carey told us that he would cite both suspects for “at a bare minimum animal neglect” based on our first investigator’s evidence.

Inexplicably, none of this occurred. Instead, your agency simply warned the suspects—*again*—to improve conditions for these long-suffering goats. Our first investigator’s evidence, provided to you in October, shows how ineffective that approach was when you first saw these goats now five months ago, in July. You seemed to recognize when we met that the lack of follow-through on the part of the sheriff’s office caused these goats tremendous unnecessary suffering. Now, our second investigator’s findings that neglect of goats—and their continued, profound suffering—continues unabated at GBD underscore how futile your approach to this case has been.

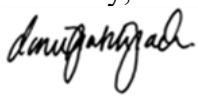
The time for strong, meaningful, and effective intervention from your agency—and the district attorney—is now. Our investigators’ evidence merits the filing of dozens of felony and misdemeanor charges of animal neglect and animal abuse and—if needed—constitutes probable cause to obtain a search warrant for the property. We urge you to secure the removal of every goat from the property, whether via impoundment or securing their surrender for veterinary care and humane disposition. We have provided you with in-state veterinary, law-enforcement, and placement resources and recommendations already, and our prior offers to assist stand.

Oregon’s animal protection laws provide you with a clear path to assist these animals and end illegal suffering at this property, as we outlined in our October 7 letter to you and

meeting. Please, at long last, treat this case with the seriousness it demands and vigorously enforce the law, as O.R.S. § 133.379 requires you to.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please let me know how we can assist.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable David Goldthorpe, Malheur County District Attorney