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The Honorable Robert "Buck" Shannon
Sheriff of Peach County

Andrea Smith
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Via e-mail: [redacted]

Dear Sheriff Shannon and Ms. Smith:

I hope this letter finds you well. I'm writing regarding Georgia's Best Processing (Est. N/A88), located at 1457 Aultman Rd., Fort Valley. I understand that your agencies may have recently received complaints regarding this facility. PETA has received these disturbing videos, which were evidently recorded at the facility and shared widely among its employees and owner.

The first video depicts a worker urinating on a cow's face. The second—a compilation of clips—appears to depict a worker recording himself shooting a cow and then stabbing the upright, conscious animal in the throat region; a worker striking a cow with what appears to be a pipe; and a recumbent cow (who may have been shot) apparently trying to right her upper body, flailing and kicking.

This conduct appears to violate Georgia state law. Georgia Administrative Code § 40-10-1-.15 requires that animals be rendered unconscious with a single stunning blow and be handled in such a way that they experience a minimum of excitement and discomfort. Additionally, cutting the throat of a conscious animal may constitute a violation of O.C.G.A. § 16-12-4(b)(1), which prohibits causing an animal physical pain, suffering, or death by any unjustifiable act.

We respectfully ask that your agencies, respectively, file criminal charges and suspend inspection of the facility to prevent inhumane slaughtering and handling, as appropriate. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at ColinH@peta.org, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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