

October 23, 2014

Office of the Governor
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Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Governor Christie,

I hope this note finds you well. As a fellow republican, I'm writing to you about an issue that's important to me and to Americans of all political stripes: animal protection.

At the end of each episode of *The Price Is Right* I always signed off with the statement "Help control the pet population - have your pet spayed or neutered!" But I don't think we should limit our compassion to dogs and cats. Pigs and other animals used for food also suffer when mistreated. Our society takes so much from farmed animals; the least we can do is show them a shred of mercy.

I encourage you to sign S-998, which would make New Jersey the 10th State to prohibit the confinement of pigs in gestation crates. It's hard to fathom locking any animal in a metal cage so small she can't even turn around, let alone one as smart and social as a pig. This needless cruelty has no place in a great state like New Jersey.

The latest polling shows that 93 percent of Garden State voters support this bill. Clearly, this issue transcends the typical red-blue divide, New Jerseyans are a compassionate people, and want their leaders to enact policies that protect the most vulnerable.

Best of luck with your travels this month, and thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Barker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Barker