

The Honorable Hu Jintao  
President of the People's Republic of China  
C/o the Honorable Zhou Wenzhong  
Chinese Ambassador to the United States  
Embassy of the People's Republic of China  
Washington, DC 20008

Dear President Hu,

One year ago, we wrote to urge you to put an end to the atrocities that are routinely perpetuated against fur-bearing animals in China. We asked you to open your eyes and your heart and ban the most egregious practices of the Chinese fur trade, including live skinning. However, China has thus far failed to enact even a single law that would protect the welfare of animals in China.

You have by now surely seen the videos documenting animals at fur farms in Hebei province, where animals are clubbed, beaten, slammed to the ground and then skinned alive. You must have seen the raccoon dog, lying on a heap of bloody carcasses after having his own skin ripped from his body as he stared into the camera blinking and whimpering for several minutes before at last nature mercifully released him to death's embrace. And yet, China continues to permit these acts of torture to continue.

Mahatma Gandhi once famously said that the greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Viewed by this standard, China's true weakness, smallness, and vulnerability become apparent. We urge you to recognize the damage being done to China's international reputation. China's success in the world economy is precariously resting on the ignorance of consumers and the willful blindness of other nations. However, the violence committed on animals in China has gained the attention of consumers and world leaders alike. The world will no longer tolerate China's ruthless brutalization of animals.

We urge you to show mercy and compassion for the weak, the powerless, the voiceless, the innocent, and immediately enact a comprehensive set of animal welfare laws that would criminalize acts of torture such as live skinning of any animal. Until China takes serious measures to protect the welfare of its fur-bearing animals, we are calling on compassionate people from all nations to boycott Chinese commerce, tourism and the 2008 Olympic Games.

Sincerely,

Anti-Fur Society, Washington DC

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cc: Chinese Ambassador

Olympic Country

Olympic Committee

The Anti-Fur Society is a member of the International Anti-Fur Coalition, an alliance of animal rights organizations, based in more than 40 cities and nearly 30 countries worldwide. This global network is drawn together by our common goal of eradicating the suffering of fur bearing animals.