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Elizabeth,

We are writing this letter to convey our titanic disappointment in "the agreement" with HSUS.

This "compromise" does not represent the feelings of the OCA members in Shelby County and we believe it does not represent the feeling of most of the OCA membership.

Before the end of this year, we as a county organization will be voting to discontinue our affiliation with the OCA. Also, many individuals in the county will not be renewing their OCA memberships.

We request that someone from the state organization attend one of our meetings to answer the following questions before we make such an important decision.

- 1) Who from OCA was at the "bargaining table" with the HSUS? Why would the OCA support something that is so strongly opposed by its general membership?
- 2) Why is this agreement good for Ohio Livestock producers? Please do not recite the canned answer. We have already seen that hogwash.
- 3) Why should we continue to belong to an organization that does not represent the feelings of its members?
- 4) Why was this compromise agreed to before the Care Board was even up and running?
- 5) Can we get the money back that we sent to support the creation of the Care Board last year? The OCA came out and begged for support to get the issue passed and then gave up the fight before the Board was even in place.
- 6) Who is going to support the OCA in the future? Is funding for the OCA going to come from HSUS and the Governor's office? If you are going to do their bidding, they might as well pay all of the bills.
- 7) When HSUS or some form of HSUS comes back at the state's livestock producers again in the future, where do you plan to get the financial support to fight them? The local livestock producer? You failed your members on this important issue, will you be able to get their support again?

We have not received any answers from our District representation and that only infuriates us more. Since the OCA has compromised the position of its membership, they should have the "guts" to answer the questions of its membership. We are having our annual Fall Round Up on September 7th. Since this is one of our best attended meetings, we NEED to have someone there to answer our questions.

Sincerely,

The Shelby County Cattlemen's Association

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