

August 28, 2013

Mr. Robert S. Harrison  
Chairman, Board of Trustees  
Cornell University  
300 CCC Building, Garden Avenue  
Ithaca, NY 14853

Dear Mr. Harrison:

Through their “animal science” programs, Cornell University and our other agriculture colleges teach beliefs that fly in the face of knowledge from zoology, ecology, nutrition science, and other fields. Had our land-grant-university (LGU) executives heeded Responsible Policies for Animals’ pleas to phase out “animal science” this past decade, America would be reducing incalculable, unnecessary suffering our species has inflicted on itself and others for thousands of years. I hope you will start the process *today*.

Amazingly, Cornell and our other LGUs continue to provide training, research, propaganda, and sales for the meat, dairy, fish, and egg industries even though ...

**Human beings are natural plant-foraging herbivores.**

**The most lethal infectious diseases are linked to humans’ ownership of other animals.**

**The non-communicable diseases that kill the most Americans are linked to consumption of meat, dairy, fish, and eggs. So is most food poisoning.**

**The meat, dairy, fish, and egg industries are major factors in global heating, water pollution, fresh-water and topsoil depletion, and just about every other major environmental disaster.**

**Nonhuman animals are intelligent, social, moral, emotional beings – persons to be respected, not objects to be traded.**

Running an “animal science” program flouts basic human morality, teaching students that no practice is wrong as long as it can turn a profit. I am sure you will agree that is not what a university should teach.

I am enclosing three factsheets: *End Injustice at Our Agriculture Colleges*; *End University Meat, Dairy, Fish, and Egg Classes: Experts Free of Industry Ties Point the Way*; and *Get Our Universities Out of the Meat, Dairy, Fish, and Egg Industries – Selected Sources*. I hope they will help the Cornell University Board of Trustees do its part toward ending “animal science.” Kindly let me know your response and whether I may be of further assistance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Cantor  
Executive Director

Enclosures