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To Whom It May Concern:

Responsible Policies for Animals' (RPA) is sending this update on its **10,000 Years Is Enough** campaign - the nationwide effort to end our land-grant universities' (LGUs') service to the animal flesh, milk, and egg industries - to the president or chancellor of each "1862" LGU, the president of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), and other interested or potentially interested parties.

Two crucial facts tested and confirmed by the 10,000 Years Is Enough campaign are that the LGUs cannot justify "animal science" programs and the LGUs' "animal science" programs continue to operate only due to inertia, industry influence, and the failure of our government and the news industry to investigate the matter and inform the public.

Were a case presented for eliminating mathematics, literature, or any other academic program as a case has been made for eliminating "animal science," university administrators could easily refute it based on the program's substance and how it serves students' and society's needs. LGUs in particular should be able to defend their non-academic programs as serving the common good, not just private economic interests.

The opposite is true for "animal science." LGUs that have been accountable enough to respond to RPA's campaign mailings have either put forward no reason or reasons that do not hold up for keeping "animal science." RPA has refuted all reasons put forward in defense of "animal science." By failing to respond, the others have also confirmed "animal science" cannot be defended. Like 30 of the 50 "1862" LGUs contacted and provided with extensive information three times since spring 2003, NASULGC has also failed to reply.

The basic rights of nonhuman animals, shown to exist to the same extent that human rights can be shown to exist, must be established in law and custom for nonhuman animals to be treated humanely by humans and for other important needs to be met, such as sound human nutrition and ecosystem protection. That "animal science" is based on the false notion that nonhuman animals have no rights indicates the fundamental pedagogical unsoundness of "animal science." The enclosed factsheet, "Animal Science: False Teachings for Destructive Industries," elaborates further on that.

Unless it can be shown that the false beliefs discussed in the factsheet are in fact true or that LGU "animal science" programs debunk them rather than promote them or passively allow students to believe them, it is absolutely indisputable that "animal science" has no place in universities regardless of one's view of the human/animal relationship.

Every human being shares in the responsibility to eliminate the flesh, milk, and egg industries, the most significant obstacles on Earth to the humane treatment of nonhuman animals, sound human nutrition, ecosystem protection, resource conservation, and sustainable agriculture. Because "animal science" programs are mainstays of those industries, people with authority or influence regarding our LGUs have a particular duty to work to eliminate those programs.

RPA gladly answers questions, documents its assertions, and provides other information about the **10,000 Years Is Enough** campaign upon request. RPA appreciates being informed of any

progress toward eliminating the LGU "animal science" programs. Thank you for considering this important and urgent matter and for any contribution you may make to this crucial effort.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Because managing "farm animals" humanely to extinction will be a long-term process, some LGUs may wish to consider transforming their "animal science" programs to animal sanctuaries. That can make eliminating "animal science" less disruptive for some students and instructors and more rewarding for veterinary students and others who would rather help nonhuman animals live good lives to their species' natural lifespans than keep them enslaved to industry's quest for profit.