

August 23, 2007

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Dear Dr. Albrecht:

Responsible Policies for Animals' (RPA's) five previous mailings to you and your predecessor about the need to end Utah State University's service to the flesh, milk & egg industries documented the industries' enormous harm to human health & quality of life, waste and contamination of water & topsoil, nonhuman animals' moral right not to be used by human beings, and other public interests. **Also crucial to consider: *harm to instructors and students from "animal science."***

The industries use "animal science" instructors, students & graduates as pawns for profit. *Utah State uses them for tuition and for industry, government, and alumni support.* It's expected that industry will exploit whom it can. *It's shocking for an institution whose fundamental responsibility is truth-seeking to turn its back on the truth at instructors' & students' expense.*

Most instructors & students probably want their work and their university to serve the public interest. Sadly, "animal science" mocks that sincere desire, substituting destructive popular interests: hamburgers, cheese pizza, scrambled eggs, and the rest. And endorsing flesh, milk & egg production - contradicting established facts - puts "animal science" instructors & students in the position of deceiving rather than educating or serving others.

When you think of "animal science," think of farmers in Tanzania attacking each other with machetes. ***"Animal science" is a significant cause of global climate change,*** which is melting the snow atop Mt. Kilimanjaro. Farmers near the mountain now fight over the reduced water available for crops. Surely that is not the kind of thing a Utah State University education should foster? Unfortunately, that is just one of many tragedies attributable in part to "animal science."

The European Union will soon begin paying owners to reduce the number of sheep and other animals causing desertification and rapid water loss. RPA and other organizations are working hard for such constructive change. Phasing out "animal science" is an important opportunity for you to lead in the right direction as a land-grant university (LGU) president - the sooner, the better. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to receive your reply soon.

Sincerely,

David Cantor  
Executive Director

**P.S. Having a graduate degree and extensive teaching experience myself, I'm troubled by the lack of intellectual integrity reflected in our LGUs' stonewalling this urgent & important matter. Won't you help move our LGUs and our country in the right direction?**