

Animals: Initiative: CA: Sacramento Bee

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Sent: Friday, October 26, 2007 2:33 PM

To: [Redacted]

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Hi [Redacted]

Thank you for sending this along.

I'm guessing that you know that the CA egg industry is looking to do an economic study here. I have no idea what will factor into the "economics" of the eventual study, but one idea has been to look at the environmental "costs" associated with the additional truck traffic into this state to deliver eggs that would no longer be produced here.

So that you know, there is no stall or even pen veal industry that we are aware of in this state. Any veal here would be bob veal. I know of no one w/in our state speaking for the veal industry (can't speak for people who don't exist). Some activists are, however, trying to muddy the waters by mischaracterizing dairy heifer replacement hutches as veal housing (check out one of the Free Baby Mendes websites targeting our member who raises replacement heifers).

According to a large animal vet who called me, Wayne Pacelle is on tap to speak to the CA Vet Med Assn in January. Joy Mench, although not an industry person nor even speaking for the industry, will be a scientist speaking then, too, on hen housing schemes. I haven't heard that there will be anyone speaking on swine housing. Something like 5% of CVMA's membership is in farm animal practice.

(In your email to the Sacto Bee writer, Debbie Murdock's email address has a typo in case you want to alert him to correct address.)

Cheers,

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From: [Redacted]

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Subject: FW: Follow up from Wednesday's interview

To all:

I thought I'd share with you a follow up note I sent to a reporter at the Sacramento Bee (Jim Downing) who I did an interview with Weds re: the ballot initiative being proposed by HSUS in CA. His primary interest was in eggs and the elimination of cages, which seems to be