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To all it may concern,

PLEASE SUSPEND VOTE ON NEW SLAUGHTERHOUSE in Milwaukee!!!!

Please put ethics first, not money. A slaughterhouse is NOT what we need. There are millions of other options that help a community; a slaughterhouse would destroy our area.

According to the Milwaukee Business Journal, a \$4.5 million Milwaukee grant has been approved for Strauss Brands to move its headquarters from Franklin to Century City Business Park near 31st Street and West Capitol Drive. The facility would slaughter 500 cows every day starting in 2021. The Strauss Brand was recently sold to a private equity firm with majority ownership and is based in Texas.

"Slaughterhouses create many detrimental consequences and immediate impacts on neighborhoods, particularly disadvantaged ones," says activist Amy Zignego. "Pollution and stench arise, vulnerable workers are exposed to brutality which can lead to post traumatic stress disorder, violence increases in the surrounding areas and impacts property values."

Members of Slaughter Free Milwaukee and DxE have been having conversations with concerned residents, most of whom were not even aware of this slaughter facility to open in their own neighborhood.

Slaughterhouse work is among the most exploitative, dangerous and relatively low paid work in the market. Century City would be better served by any other business, including incubators to support small, local businesses which better serve residents in the long run. In addition, the damaging effects on the environment must be taken into consideration for home and business owners who ultimately would be burdened with them.

Many cities, including Chicago, are moving away from having slaughterhouses within city limits for a variety of reasons such as zoning and health code violations as well as concerns for the community's overall well-being. According to Robert Grillo, founder of Slaughter Free Chicago, "Slaughterhouse jobs are the worst jobs the city could possibly bring to the city. Slaughterhouses are bad for animals, workers, communities, and the planet."

Residents plan to attend the Common Council meeting on Tuesday, October 15 to demand that the vote be delayed and that public hearings be scheduled. Residents will put pressure on city officials and will consider legal options to that end.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Marty