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Hello,

I am writing today to beg you to PLEASE reconsider allowing the Strauss Slaughterhouse to open in the middle of our beautiful city of Milwaukee. This is not a normal way to bring jobs to our struggling city.

Bringing a slaughterhouse into the middle of the city is a horrific idea for so many reasons. We can't honestly be DESIRING to bring so much pollution into the middle of a neighborhood where people live. Slaughterhouses do not belong in cities. We know this deal happened quickly - the neighbors and the public don't even know about it; there has been no public input here and no public announcements. No hearings, no discussions, no town halls.

There is now a growing group of concerned citizens outraged by what is happening and I am among them.

Would you have agreed to this slaughterhouse being built next to the new, shiny, beautiful Fiserv? Or in the neighborhoods in Whitefish Bay? Or Bay View? Of course not. Why is that?

--- **You already know why.** A slaughterhouse is a disgusting and barbaric place of death and cruelty - and is a dangerous place for any human being to work. It causes local crime rates to rise, workers suffer high rates of PTSD, substance abuse and domestic violence, and US meat workers are 3x more likely to suffer serious injury than the average American worker. Amputations, second-degree burns and fractured fingers. Head trauma. Let's not even mention how disgusting these facilities are - they are a public health and safety threat exposing workers and communities to foodborne illnesses and rodent infestation.

Milwaukee should be focusing on its growth in positive, green and humane industries. Instead, what we are considering is just simply unfathomably bad for our city. This is 2019. We should be moving away from the exploitation of the poor and the exploitation of innocent animals. This does NOT belong in Milwaukee.

Please put the well being of Milwaukee, the citizens and the environment ahead of whatever profits might be attached to bringing this horror house into the city. The people deserve to have their voices heard. Please do your jobs and listen to your constituents.

~Jennifer Brindley