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Dear Mr. Taylor,

The Humane Society of the United States is the nation's largest and most effective animal protection organization. We are the leading animal advocacy organization in the United States, seeking a humane world for people and animals alike. Additionally, we are the only national animal welfare organization with an Equine Protection Department. Our staff works closely with horse industry experts, the equine rescue community, law enforcement, government officials, media, and a vast array of constituents to effect positive change for horses.

Horses and mules who participate in urban carriage businesses require specific working and living conditions and safeguards for their protection. Urban working and living environments pose potential health and welfare hazards that require specialized and scientific studies in order to develop effective, specific legislation to protect their well-being.

We support the Charleston Animal Society's request for a prospective, science-driven, peer-reviewed study which will guide the City of Charleston in revising its carriage business regulations to provide for a more humane working and living environment for mules and horses.

Sincerely,

*Marty Irby*

Marty Irby  
Senior Director of Rural Outreach and Equine Protection  
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