

Dear Proprietor,

I hope you will join the growing number of restaurants that have pledged not to serve foie gras. Customers are becoming increasingly concerned about the inhumane treatment of farm animals and the vast majority of citizens oppose the cruelty involved in producing foie gras.

Foie gras (pronounced 'fwah grah', French for "fatty liver") is produced by force-feeding confined ducks or geese massive quantities of food through a pipe shoved down their throats. At the end of the fattening period, the birds' livers are swollen up to ten times their natural size, resulting in the diseased liver condition "hepatic lipidosis". Some birds die before slaughter as a consequence of ruptured internal organs or asphyxiation when food becomes impacted in their throats and digestive systems. Many are so physically debilitated by the end of the force-feeding period that they are unable to stand or walk. Veterinarians and pathologists have determined that the force-feeding process is inhumane and even representatives of the foie gras industry admit that the process would be fatal if it was allowed to continue. No other farm animal production method involves the deliberate causation of disease to the point of fatality. (Additional information is available at <http://www.NoFoieGras.org>).

Foie gras production is so cruel that it has been outlawed by a number of European countries. In September 2004, California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed SB 1520 into law, a bill that bans the force feeding of ducks and geese in the production of foie gras. In April 2006, the Chicago City Council voted overwhelmingly to ban this cruel product within city limits.

As a business manager, you can make a stand against this cruelty by signing this "Pledge Not to Serve Foie Gras." To show their sincere appreciation, Farm Sanctuary, a non-profit organization, will post the name of your restaurant on their website at <http://www.nofoiegras.org/FSrestaurant.htm> to encourage customers to patronize your business.

Thank you very much for your concern and consideration.

Sincerely,

- Please sign below and FAX to 607-583-2041, or mail to Farm Sanctuary at P.O. Box 150, Watkins Glen, NY 14891.

ESTABLISHMENT _____ **PLEDGES NOT TO SERVE FOIE GRAS**

Signature: _____ **Title:** _____

Print Name: _____ **Date:** _____

(Please print street address, city and state of establishment here)

(Please write telephone & fax number or email address here - optional)