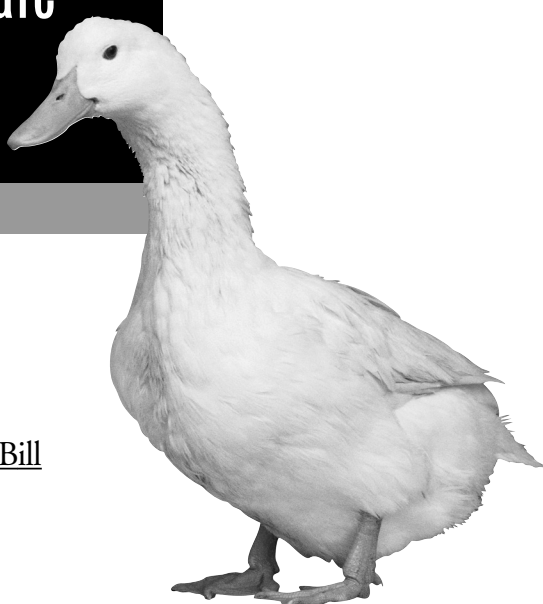


# An Open Letter from Animal Protection Organizations to Compassionate Californians



September 13, 2004

RE: Protecting Animals From  
Cruelty by Supporting Senate Bill  
1520 (Burton)

Dear Concerned Citizen:

As animal protection organizations that collectively represent more than 1 million Californians who are concerned about cruelty to animals, we want to thank Senate President Pro Tem John Burton for carrying SB 1520 and ensuring its passage through the legislature.

We also want to urge Californians to contact Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger immediately, tell him that SB 1520 is an important animal protection measure, and ask him to sign this legislation into law.

**Governor Schwarzenegger can be called at 916-445-1456, faxed at 916-445-4633, or e-mailed at [governor@governor.ca.gov](mailto:governor@governor.ca.gov).**

SB 1520 will ban the horribly cruel practice of force-feeding ducks and geese in order to produce foie gras. Foie gras is the diseased, enlarged, fatty liver of a goose or duck. To make foie gras, ducks and geese are forced to consume huge quantities of food through large metal pipes that are violently shoved down their throats. As a result of being force-fed two or three times a day for two or three weeks, the ducks' livers swell to up to 10 times their normal size. The ducks are then killed, and their livers are sold as foie gras. Tens of thousands of ducks endure this practice and suffer from fatty liver disease and associated health problems each year in California.

If you believe that animals deserve protection from cruelty, join us by helping to pass SB 1520!

Sincerely,

Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights (AVAR)  
Farm Sanctuary  
Viva! USA  
Los Angeles Lawyers for Animals  
American Anti-Vivisection Society  
American Humane Association  
American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA)  
Animal General Hospital  
Animal Legislative Action Network  
Animal Place  
Animal Protection Institute (API)  
Bureau of Humane Law Enforcement  
California Lobby for Animal Welfare  
Compassion Over Killing  
Doctors For Kindness to Animals  
East Bay Animal Advocates  
Farm Animal Reform Movement  
The Fund for Animals  
The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)  
Humane USA  
In Defense of Animals (IDA)  
International Bird Rescue Research Center  
Last Chance for Animals  
Mercy for Animals  
The Paw Project  
People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)  
Student Animal Rights Alliance  
United Animal Nations  
United Poultry Concerns  
Vegan Action  
Vegan Outreach

