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Dear Ms. Franklin,

I am writing regarding the pending foreclosure of your home. We would like to help you out by paying the approximately \$19,000 in back taxes that you owe—if you'll agree to save animals from hideous suffering and death by promising never to wear fur again and donating your old furs to PETA. We are absolutely sincere in making this offer—we believe that you know in your heart that your fans will love you even more if you make a fur-free resolution.

As you no doubt now realize, animals who are trapped in the wild can suffer for days before dying from exposure, frostbite, shock, or infection or by being strangled, stomped, or bludgeoned to death by trappers. Animals on fur farms are confined to tiny, filthy cages where they often go insane before they are gassed, poisoned, or electrocuted or have their necks broken. These crude killing methods aren't always effective, and sometimes animals are skinned alive.

Our offer is a win-win situation: You get to keep your home, and animals get to keep their lives. We are rooting for you to please give animals the R-E-S-P-E-C-T that they deserve by giving up fur.

Please contact me as soon as possible through [REDACTED] to discuss our offer. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Ingrid E. Newkirk
President



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