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**Dear Mr Orland,**

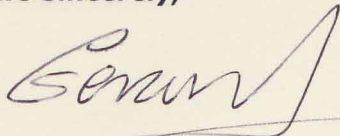
UKIP is currently preparing its animal welfare policies, and one of the areas that we need to consider is the exemptions from the Humane Slaughter of Animals Act which are given to religious groups. We consider these to be morally inexcusable and can see no reason why special interest groups should be given the right not to comply with the laws of the United Kingdom.

Nigel Farage's office has passed me a copy of your excellent, thought-provoking and impeccably researched report which will be extremely useful – your conclusions are also extremely illuminating.

I will ensure you are sent a copy of our policy when it is finalised.

Thank you again for taking the time to send UKIP your report.

**Yours sincerely,**



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