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Attn: Missouri Members of Congress,

We are Janelle Babington and Penny Eims, animal welfare petitioners with AnimalVictory.org. We have created a petition asking for a national ban on the use of gas chambers for the euthanasia of companion animals. At this time we are sending you 21,298 supporters of our petition. <a href="https://animalvictory.org/petitions/slow-death-leaves-unwanted-pets-gasping-for-air-end-gas-chamber-euthanasia-now/">https://animalvictory.org/petitions/slow-death-leaves-unwanted-pets-gasping-for-air-end-gas-chamber-euthanasia-now/</a>

Currently, Utah, Wyoming, Ohio, and Missouri, still allow this method of killing to be used to end the life of unwanted companion animals. By definition, euthanasia means: An easy, tranquil death; death of an easy, painless kind. n. An easy death; a mode of dying to be desired. But this is not what happens to unwanted pets who are crammed into a small chamber to be killed with carbon monoxide.

Companion animals deserve better than this, and you have the power to bring this cruel method of killing to an end. Gas chamber euthanasia causes unnecessary suffering to these sentient creatures. An excerpt from a so-called "gas chamber man" reads:

It's now time, to put these animals in the gas chamber. I put my ear plugs in, and when I go to the collect the dogs, the dogs are so excited to see me, that they jump up to kiss me and think they are going to play. I put them in the rolling cage and take them to the gas chamber. They know. They just know. They can smell the death. They can smell the fear. They start whimpering the second I put them in the box.

Not only does gas chamber euthanasia cause suffering to the animals, it creates anguish for the person who is forced to perform the killings. Another excerpt from the same "gas chamber man" reveals the horror:

I then start cleaning up the mess, the mess, that YOU PEOPLE are creating by not spay or neutering your animals. The mess that YOU PEOPLE are creating by not demanding that a vet come in and do this humanely. You ARE THE TAXPAYERS, DEMAND that this practice STOP! So, don't call me the monster, the devil, the gasser, call the politicians, the shelter directors, and the county people, the devil. Heck, call the governor, tell him to make it stop. As usual, I will take sleeping pills tonight to drown out the screams I heard in the past, before I discovered the ear plugs. I will jump and twitch in my sleep, and I believe I'm starting to hallucinate.

This is my life. Don't judge me. Believe me, I judge myself enough. With your help, this madness can be brought to a permanent end. You have the power to stop the suffering of innocent creatures, and relieve the anguish of the people who are forced to do the dirty work.

We thank you for your time and consideration and we will be in touch again soon to hear your thoughts about how a nationwide gas chamber euthanasia ban can be put into effect.

Sincerely,

## Janelle Babington and Penny Eims

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