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Ridglan Farms
C/O Rick Van Domelen
PO Box 318
Mount Horeb, WI 53572

Dear Mr. Van Domelen,

Thank you for contacting me. I write today in response to your email, which was received by my office on March 25, 2026. In your correspondence, you requested my assistance in “countering another mass illegal activity planned by animal rights extremists.” I encourage you to work directly with law enforcement on this matter.

As your representative in Congress and as a member of the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus (CAPC), a bipartisan group of lawmakers committed to raising awareness of animal welfare issues in Congress, the documented treatment of beagles on your property is alarming. I would also like to express concerns regarding the continued use of beagles for research purposes at Ridglan Farms.

As part of Ridglan Farms’ legal agreement with the special prosecutor assigned to the investigation, Ridglan Farms is required to surrender its Wisconsin dog-breeding license on or before July 1, 2026, at which point commercial breeding will no longer be permitted. I encourage prompt adherence to this agreement.

In addition to my concerns about the ethical treatment of the beagles on your property, I encourage the prioritization of safe rehoming to every beagle possible. No dog should lack the decency of a safe and loving environment.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Pocan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Pocan
Member of Congress