



August 30, 2004

The Honorable Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: PLEASE SIGN SENATE BILL 1520 BANNING FORCE FEEDING OF  
DUCKS AND GEESE!**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

I am writing today to urge you to sign into law Senate Bill 1520, which will ban the force feeding of ducks and geese as well as the sale of foie gras in the state of California.

Over a dozen countries, including Germany, Israel, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland, have already banned forced feeding to produce foie gras. Please add California to this growing list by signing this historic, compassionate legislation into law.

During my lifetime, I have rarely heard of such an inhumane and severely abusive practice as the force feeding of ducks and geese. The horrible suffering and torment these animals endure, the innocent victims of this barbaric practice, is unconscionable! It speaks extremely poorly of the entire state of California.

I urge you to sign this legislation into law. It is truly tragic that an area as beautiful as Sonoma County is home to the only foie gras "ranch" in our state. Together let us fight to forever end this sadistic practice.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Linda Lange'. The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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