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A Briefing on Why USDA Must Restore Its Animal Welfare Database

Hosted by Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine
In cooperation with Congressional Animal Protection Caucus



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12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.

**Capitol Visitor Center,
Room SVC 212-10**

Light food will be provided.

Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Agriculture abruptly removed public access to the Animal Care Information System, an online, searchable database that included inspection reports, annual reports, and other documents regarding enforcement of the Horse Protection Act and Animal Welfare Act. The database is an important tool for the public to understand which regulated facilities were in compliance with federal laws and whether USDA was properly enforcing those laws. Come learn why access to the database should be restored and what your office can do about it.

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