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James Westhoff
Memorial Garden Program Coordinator
Delaware Department of Transportation

Via e-mail: james.westhoff@state.de.us

Dear Mr. Westhoff,

I am writing today to apply for a brick at the Delaware Highway Memorial Garden as a tribute to the [23 mother cows and their unborn calves who were killed or later euthanized](#) after a tractor trailer carrying them overturned in New Castle, Delaware, off of I-495 on June 15.

The brick text would read, "In Memory of 23 Mother Cows: Go Vegan. 2013." It's a big enough tragedy that mother cows end up on dairy farms, where they are repeatedly impregnated, only to have their male calves traumatically taken away to become veal. They would have been scared on the journey, only to die painfully, even though eating cheese and drinking their milk is not necessary. We hope this brick will let people know that the best way to prevent crashes such as this one is to go vegan so that cows don't have to make the trip to a dairy farm in the first place. It will also serve as a reminder to tractor-trailer drivers of their responsibility to the thousands of animals they haul every year. In this crash, the driver was cited for inattentive driving.

Attached, you'll find the Personalized Brick Order Form, and a link to what the brick would look like can be found [here](#). Please contact me at DanielleK@peta.org if you have any questions or would like to discuss this topic further. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Danielle Katz
Manager
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