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May 5, 1981

Dear Girls and Boys:

It is always a pleasure to hear from young Americans who care so deeply about the many problems facing America today.

I was very moved by your sincere expression of love for animals and concern for the cruel ways in which they are so often treated. Your letter shows a sensitive understanding of the important role animals, both domestic and wild, play in our lives. I want you to know that I share this concern and commend your courage in speaking out on behalf of those who cannot defend themselves.

I hope that you will always be counted on to stand up for those weaker than you are. This is a virtue of which you may be very proud.

Sincerely,

**RONALD REAGAN**

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