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Mrs. Caroline Lucas

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Dear Mrs. Caroline Lucas,

I really appreciate your letter dated 27th October in which you give a positive assessment to the efforts of the Chinese government in the protection of animal and improving animal welfare.

The Chinese government has always attached importance to animal welfare and animal protection, and promulgated the "Animal Epidemic Prevention Law of the People's Republic of China", "Animal Husbandry Law of the People's Republic of China", "Highly pathogenic avian influenza prevention and control technical specifications" and dozens of laws and regulations for animal protection. Meanwhile, governments at all levels have carried out extensively activities to promote the animal protection, raising and enhancing the public awareness and consciousness of animal protection.

The Chinese government will continue to improve the animal protection laws and regulations to provide legal guarantee for animal welfare.

We welcome that you will continue to follow China's progress on animal protection and put forward your advice and suggestions. Once again thank you for your letter.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) Song Zhe