

DORIS DAY

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cc: Members of the California Legislature

Dear President Steinberg and Speaker Perez,

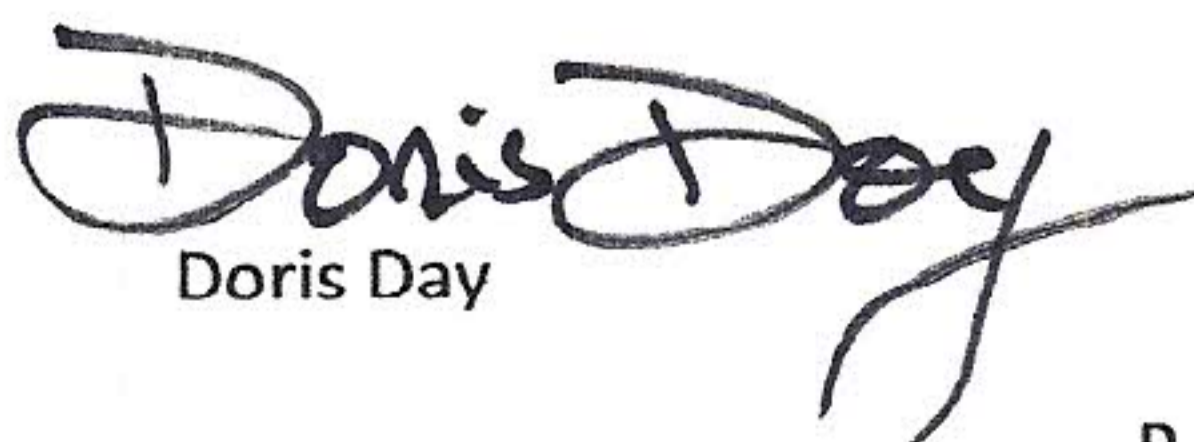
As you know, for nearly all of my life, I've been a strong supporter of animal welfare. Quite simply, animal abuse is wrong and should be prevented no matter whether the victims are horses, dogs, cats, wildlife, or farm animals. That's why I was thrilled in 2004 when California passed a law phasing out the cruel force-feeding of ducks and geese for foie gras (SB 1520). While the seven-and-a-half-year phase-out was indeed lengthy, it's a good law that was supported by both animal welfare groups and the state's foie gras industry.

With the July deadline for the law to take effect fast approaching, I'm very alarmed to hear that a small number of chefs are trying to gut this important anti-cruelty law, and I very much hope you'll do all you can to prevent such a terrible circumstance.

Foie gras producers are cruel to these animals for no reason other than to produce a delicacy. It is just wrong. This law represents a common-sense measure to prohibit one of the worst forms of animal abuse.

I hope you'll agree that this humane law should take effect as planned. It's been an awfully long time since the enactment of this law, and it's time that the birds got the modest protection they deserve under it. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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