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Ending the abuse and exploitation of animals for financial gain is an important issue as this is never a linear issue. As a clinical therapist, we'll see animal cruelty, exploitation for gain, and other abuses on animals because they are seen as objects and not living things with emotions such as human beings. People who accept this exploitation and abuse of animals tend to have a host of other issues with poor coping and the problem of immediate gratification that can come from gambling for example. It is the same for horse racing, soring horses for competition, etcetera. Thank you for taking my text testimony, end this practice now with your authority to vote responsibly. Thank you, Maritza V. Encinas, MS, LPC. Bend, Oregon.