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To all ACAL, Save Our Seals Fund and Animal Concern supporters.

Just to let you know that now that I've finally caught up (almost) with the e-mail backlog from being away for three days last week I'm now away up north on ACAL business for a couple of days. Again if you need me urgently please send a text and I'll get back to you ASAP.

There are a couple of things I'd like you to consider doing in the next 24 hours.

Most important is to go to the front page of the Compassion In World Farming website and from there send a pro-forma e-mail to your MP asking him or her to support a Bill to amend the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act (1847). The proposed changes would allow local councils to refuse to allow live animals to be exported from ports under their control. This could be a crucial step. As you may be aware we have been able to greatly restrict the venues available to circuses with animals by persuading councils to use existing powers which allow them to refuse circuses with animals access to council owned land. Giving councils with ports and docks the power to stop live animals being exported through their facilities would be a major achievement. The Bill goes before Parliament this Friday, November 4th. Many MPs travel home on Fridays so we need lots of people to contact their MP and make it clear how important this is.

You can send the CIWF E-mail from here: <https://www.ciwf.org.uk/> Wait for item 1 in the revolving front page to come up and click on it.

If you live in Scotland I would like you to send a brief second e-mail direct to your MP. Remember to add your full address and postcode. If you don't have their e-mail address you can get it here: <https://www.writetothem.com/>

Please personalise this e-mail and send it.

"Dear ,

I contacted you a few minutes ago via the Compassion In World Farming Website to ask you to stay at Parliament this Friday to support the Bill to amend the Harbours, Docks and Piers Clauses Act (1847) to allow local councils to refuse to allow live animals to be exported from ports under their control.

It is very important that MPs representing Scottish constituencies attend the debate on this proposal as animals from Scotland which are driven all the way to south coast ports for

export to mainland Europe probably suffer the most by being forced to travel the longest distances. This is an occasion where Scottish MPs have more reason than other MPs to get involved in an issue.

Please let me know if are able to attend on Friday.

Yours sincerely,"

Another topical petition is the petition to the Westminster Government asking for a ban the sale of fireworks to the general public and to only allow organised firework displays. This is something I have been campaigning for since fireworks cost 6 bob a box. Sign the petition here: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/168663>

Finally please support the Animal Aid initiative asking Arthritis Research UK to call a halt on cruel animal experiments. More details here: <http://www.victimsofcharity.org/>

And finally. I was not able to get a copy of the Scottish edition of the Mail on Sunday yesterday. If you have a copy could you check the letters page to see if my letter was published?

Cheers 4 now,