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Dr. J. Todd Vanaman
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8585 Dixie Hwy.
Village of Clarkston, MI 48348

Dear Pastor Vanaman,

I am writing on behalf of Jesus People for Animals—the Christian outreach arm of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), which has more than 3 million members and supporters—with an offer to donate \$500 to your GoFundMe.com campaign in exchange for displaying a pro-Jesus, pro-animal message for one week on your sign (the cost for which we would also cover). Paired with a beautiful image of Jesus, our message, which reads, "The road to hell is paved with bacon. Go vegan." would be the perfect way to remind the Clarkston community that merciful dominion means caring for God's creatures, not eating them. Please see the attached artwork for a better idea of what we are suggesting.

As we learn from the Bible, the Good News is for all creation. By urging your congregation and community to go vegan, you'd help end animal abuse and shed light on the dirty business of using animals for human gain. Jesus urged us to love our neighbors, and surely, that includes pigs who endure hell on Earth on factory farms and in slaughterhouses. Today, pigs raised for food have their tails and testicles cut off without any painkillers, have their sharp teeth broken off with pliers, and are forced to live in crates so small that they can't even turn around. Many of these intelligent, playful creatures may never have felt the warmth of the sun, formed friendships, roamed free, or done any of the other things that God intended for them before they are killed for a ham sandwich or slice of bacon.

Our suggested sign would remind the congregation and community that three times a day, we have the opportunity to be prophetic witnesses to the peaceable kingdom to come—simply by swapping soy for sausage, vegan wings for those made of real flesh, and almond milk for cow's milk. Eating vegan is something that we can all do every single day, and it not only relieves enormous suffering for both humans and animals but also is the single most effective thing that we can all do to protect this planet that God created.

We'd love to donate to your campaign and hope you accept our proposed sign. Please contact me if you'd like to discuss this idea. Thank you for your consideration.

Grace and peace,

Sarah Withrow King
Director of Christian Outreach and Engagement