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Dear Mr Stewart:

I hope you are well. I'm writing from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) after hearing how fans became unwell at Old Trafford from eating raw chicken flesh. We urge you to protect fans and chickens by making the switch to vegan chicken in your kiosks.

Chickens naturally love to play and will run, jump, and sunbathe when given the chance. Those raised for their flesh are confined to filthy, windowless sheds with up to 50,000 other frightened birds, deprived of the opportunity to do any of the things that are natural and important to them. Bred to grow unnaturally large very quickly, they often suffer from crippling leg deformities and heart failure. At just 6 weeks old, they're stuffed into crates and loaded onto lorries for the journey to the slaughterhouse. Every year in the UK, over 1 billion frightened chickens are strung upside down and their throats are slit.

Investigations by PETA entities and others have repeatedly documented filthy conditions, severe crowding, and disease at facilities where chickens are raised for their flesh. On one farm, birds were packed into sheds so tightly they had to clamber over the corpses of other chickens to reach food and water. It is no wonder that bacteria like *Salmonella*, *Campylobacter*, *Listeria*, and *E. coli* are found on chicken flesh from UK farms. Chicken farming is also linked to environmental degradation, pollution, tropical deforestation, and the climate catastrophe.

Top sports venues like Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, Etihad Stadium, and Emirates Stadium serve vegan options, and 2022 Ipsos research found that 58% of people eat plant-based meat. Offering delicious vegan chicken nuggets, burgers, or tenders would be a great fit for Old Trafford, and PETA can connect you with top brands and suppliers.

Will you protect chickens and your guests by serving only vegan chicken at Old Trafford? This would provide Manchester United fans with a healthy, sustainable choice and prevent the suffering and death of sensitive birds.

PETA would love to share the news with our supporters.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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