

His Excellency Pedro Sánchez
Prime Minister of Spain

16 July 2026

Dear Prime Minister,

Spain has elevated the world with extraordinary music, art, literature, and dance, yet bullfighting continues to tarnish its reputation on the global stage.

A terrified and tortured animal dying in earnest, drowning in his own blood because a man has tortured and stabbed him, is cruelty to animals that cannot be excused as “culture.” Velázquez, Lorca, Cervantes, flamenco are culture. And when the public purse is used to support such needlessly inflicted pain - resources that are needed for worthy programs - and there are overwhelming calls to ban this hideous spectacle, it must stop.

I once sang, “The bullfighter dies, nobody cries...” And if bullfighting dies, there will be cheers, not tears. The generosity, warmth, and brilliance of the Spanish people will shine unblemished. Only the relic of a less enlightened time will vanish.

History condemns those who defended cruelty. It remembers those who ended it.

Prime Minister, please use your good office to do something that the world and your people will love you for, and end this barbarism.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Morrissey', with a stylized, cursive script.

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