



Dear Ms Marcia McNutt,

**Substitution solves nothing.**

I have just read an interview with you on the NAS website that has alarmed me and made me put hoof to keyboard.

As you know COP26 is almost upon us and decisions and promises must be made right now to secure our planet's future.

However you seem in favour of essentially kicking the can down the road, of basically doing nothing out of fear of public disapproval.

I am afraid that we cannot make decisions on our planet's future based on what will or will not be popular.

**You said:**

*"I think there is this fear out there that acknowledgement of climate change means that people will have to wildly change their quality of life. But the truth is, we have solutions in hand that will continue to provide the energy we need without releasing the CO<sub>2</sub>."*

There are no effective solutions in hand, only delaying tactics, or solutions not even invented.

You also say ' And the transportation sector is the No. 1 largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions.'

I am afraid you are wrong.

**It's a scientific fact that animal agriculture overall is responsible for a staggering 87% of greenhouse gas emissions. So, eating us animals is one of the leading causes of climate change.**

Cows emit methane, and there are at least a billion cows like me being farmed right now and at the same time meat producers are forcing cows to over-graze and destroy plant life.

To create grazing land, farmers are removing vegetation such as trees that would sequester carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

If we all stopped eating meat every day, and grazing lands were restored to forests, they could suck up the CO<sub>2</sub> from all our fossil fuel emissions. Existing grazing lands could also be used to grow crops for humans to eat, rather than to be inefficiently turned into meat.

I know the pressures the meat industry can exert and I know their arguments, which are dishonest, corrupt and often crazy. We need voices as powerful as yours to state that a better way to tackle climate change is through what we eat, and not to persist in looking for solutions in the wrong places.

There is no better way forward than to end the killing and burning machine and resetting the planet's food system. Now.

On behalf of all animals, I'll be at COP26, in fact you won't be able to miss me.

**Let's start a movement together.**

**Yours faithfully,**

**Vega,**

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