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Attorney General Chris Carr,

I write to you today in light of the persistent concerns that have been raised in regards to the Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary located in Locust Grove, Georgia.

The Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary has recently been met with public controversy and complaints can be attributed to Shelly Lakly's term as president of the facility. During Lakly's tenure, Noah's Ark was forced to shut down as a result of a major Avian Flu outbreak in 2022. Their lack of an adequate emergency response to the flu has led to euthanasia of over 100 animals. In continuation, under Lakly's leadership, the facility has been met with numerous complaints of animal cruelty from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and are currently under federal investigation for their handling of the Avian Flu outbreak.

The issues pertaining to Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary have only progressed throughout the year. On May 3, 2023, Lakly was served nine additional court summons from Henry County citing "inhumane treatment of animals, failure to provide adequate care of animals and animal cruelty." The court summons were followed by the issuing of an official bite report to the facility by the Henry County Animal Control on May 6, 2023. It is important to note that on record, Shelly Lakly requested the victim of the biting incident to withhold a report of their injury to the USDA, which further implicated herself in this issue.

The unethical violations made by the Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary should not be taken lightly. I write to you today to implore the office of the Attorney General to conduct an in-depth investigation on the practices of the facility and leadership of Shelly Lakly. The Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary has been a haven for animals for over 30 years and is a staple of the community in Henry County. I cannot sit idle while this longstanding Georgia institution becomes a fragment of what it once was.

I hope you take this letter into consideration and proceed with a swift investigation on this issue. Please reach out to myself or my office should you require any additional information.

Thank you,

Senator Emanuel Jones