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To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interstate commerce
in animal crush videos, and for other purposes.

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A BILL

To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit interstate commerce in animal crush videos, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Prevention of Inter-
 5 state Commerce in Animal Crush Videos Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The Federal Government and the several
2 States have a compelling interest in preventing ani-
3 mal cruelty.

4 (2) Each of the several States and the District
5 of Columbia criminalize intentional acts of animal
6 cruelty.

7 (3) The clandestine nature of certain acts of
8 animal cruelty allows the perpetrators of such crimes
9 to remain anonymous, thus frustrating the ability of
10 Federal and State authorities to enforce the criminal
11 statutes prohibiting such behavior.

12 (4) These criminal acts constitute an integral
13 part of the production of and market for so-called
14 crush videos and other depictions of animal cruelty.

15 (5) The creation and sale of crush videos pro-
16 vide an economic incentive for, and are intrinsically
17 related to, the underlying acts of the criminal con-
18 duct.

19 (6) The United States has a long history of
20 prohibiting the interstate sale of obscene and illegal
21 materials.

22 (7) Animal crush videos appeal to the prurient
23 interest and are obscene.

1 **SEC. 3. ANIMAL CRUSH VIDEOS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 48 of title 18, United
3 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

4 **“§ 48. Animal crush videos**

5 “(a) PROHIBITION.—Whoever knowingly and for the
6 purpose of commercial advantage or private financial gain
7 sells or offers to sell, or distributes or offers to distribute,
8 an animal crush video in interstate or foreign commerce
9 shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than
10 5 years, or both.

11 “(b) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Subsection (a) does
12 not prohibit the sale, distribution, or offer for sale or dis-
13 tribution, of any visual depiction of—

14 “(1) customary and normal veterinary or agri-
15 cultural husbandry practices; or

16 “(2) hunting, trapping, or fishing.

17 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section the term ‘animal
18 crush video’ means any obscene photograph, motion-pic-
19 ture film, video recording, or electronic image that depicts
20 actual conduct in which one or more living animals is in-
21 tentionally crushed, burned, drowned, suffocated, or im-
22 paled in a manner that would violate a criminal prohibi-
23 tion on cruelty to animals under Federal law or the law
24 of the State in which the depiction is created, sold, distrib-
25 uted, or offered for sale or distribution.”.

1 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The item relating to
2 section 48 in the table of sections at the beginning of
3 chapter 3 of title 18, United States Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

“48. Animal crush videos.”

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