



## Keep Our Jobs and Food Safe – Keep Line Speed Limits in Pork Plants

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) proposal to end line speed limits in pork plants puts both workers and consumers at risk. Faster line speeds in pork plants will lead to more workplace injuries – including serious and bloody cuts – and less safe food.

Please do the right thing for hard-working Americans and withdraw the proposed Modernization of Swine Slaughter Inspection rule and keep line speeds in pork plants safe.

### Faster line speeds are dangerous for workers.

- An increase in line speeds will make an already hazardous industry more dangerous.
- The high rate of serious injuries in pork plants is directly linked to the already fast pace.
- Meatpacking workers are already injured more than twice as often as other American workers and have illness rates that are 17 times higher.

### Faster line speeds are dangerous for consumers.

- The USDA Inspector General determined that the USDA did not properly assess the pilot project to determine its impact on food safety.
- A report from Food and Water Watch found that plants involved in the pilot project have more violations than comparable plants.
- According to the union for federal food safety inspectors, faster line speeds and privatized inspections make their jobs harder to do.

### We're the experts.

Nationwide, the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union (UFCW) represents more than 30,000 workers in the pork slaughter industry and our members handle 70 percent of all hogs slaughtered in the United States.

