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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 5:32 PM **To:** Reiley Beth; Lutman Jennifer

**Subject:** Please Do Not Stop Our Tradition!

Hello. My name is Michelle Tapia Hurtado. Im A 13 Year old girl that lives in Portland Oregon. My reasons for sending this letter is because I would like to state that I do not agree with the change of stoping our colture; La Charreria. La Charreria is a family activity that i spend with my whole family; My dad, mom and older brother, during the weekend. I was taught about it seen's I was a very little girl. Its a tradition that has been brought down from my family and many people in the Country of Mexico. As Know. La Charreria is the main nacional sport in Mexico. So it is a very huge part of my life, colture and tradition that I would not like to loss.

Charreria is a way to show skills of your horse and yourself. Its a way to have fun and be involved with animals that I love, but not hurt them. And because I love them, I don't hurt them! It's one of the most beautiful sports I have ever seen and enjoy. Please do not stop this sport in the State Of Oregon. It's what I LOVE and spend time with. With my family, my animals and my horses.