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Comment: Dear Sir/Madam: I am disappointed to see the draft leave out the the biggest contributor to the climate change, that is the meat diet. I would propose to stop subsidizing meat, to start subsidize organic farming, and to make Monday Meat Free day. In the U.S. alone, over 10 billion farm animals are slaughtered each year for human consumption. These figures don't even include the billions of fish and other aquatic species that are raised, harvested or trapped for food. Farm animals that are raised for food seldom see sunshine, as they are raised in large metal "warehouses" or CAFO's, also known as factory farms and live in overcrowded cages in their own filth. The horror only gets worse when they are transported to the slaughterhouse, where they are slaughtered in a high speed production-line method as if they are inanimate objects. Animals are often cut, skinned, dismembered, scalded and/or drowned while still alive. Birds, which represent more than 90% of the farm animals killed for food, are not even recognized by the most minimal animal protection laws. The average age for a chicken large enough for slaughter (thanks to growth hormones) is about 6 weeks old. Please help to put an end to the torture of animals. Kind regards, Natalie Parks Founder & Pres., NYC VegFest