We are here because _____ sells Foie Gras. Foie gras is duck liver that has become diseased because of forced feeding. Ducks bred for foie gras have 12-inch metal pipes rammed down their throats; one pound of corn mash is pumped into their bodies; this is done three times a day for the entire span of their short and miserable lives. A life of misery is all these ducks know. Force-feeding causes injuries which include bruising or perforation of the esophagus, hemorrhaging and inflammation of the neck, asphyxia from blockage of the mash, and infection from wounds. Ducks' livers grow up to 10 times their natural size. As a result, they become unable to walk—their feet become swollen, developing calluses, sores, and infections—they struggle to breathe. The production of foie gras is so violent that it has already been banned in the state of California and more than 14 countries. 77% of the American public condemns the practice of force-feeding ducks and favors a ban on the sale of foie gras.

Because of the abject cruelty involved in the production of foie gras, we are urging _____ to remove this product from their menu *immediately* and *permanently*.

We as a community should not be placing profit over principle, pursuing pleasure at the expense of our integrity; this transgression is a stain on us all.