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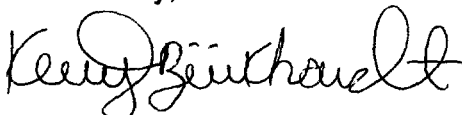
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To the FSIS Docket Clerk,

I'm writing in support of the ban on the slaughter of downed cows for human consumption. Downed animals-those who are too sick or injured to stand or walk on their own-are a major health threat to the food industry as shown in the recent case of Mad Cow Disease in Washington State.

This ban on downed cows must be made permanent to protect the health of both humans and cows now and in the future. This ban must also extend to all animals raised for food, including sheep and pigs. The downed animals not slaughtered for human consumption should be euthanized immediately, so that they cannot continually be dragged while fully conscious or be slaughtered for pet food or feed to other farm animals.

Sincerely,



Kerry Burkhardt