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Sir:

Thank you for your recent emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. This move makes sense - it stands to safeguard the health of the public as well as alleviate the suffering of animals in the agriculture industry. I encourage you to make the ban permanent, and to include all downed livestock in the final ban. These animals should be euthanized humanely, and immediately, wherever they become 'downers'. It is certainly not in the best interests of the livestock industry to continue to include these animals in the food chain - too sick to walk or even stand, they are clearly not 'fit for public consumption.'

Sincerely,



Stephanie Zill