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To Whom It May Concern,

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I am writing to you about downed animals. There is a temporary ban on using downed animals for food, but its only temporary. By making this ban permanent farmers and animal owners would take better care of them because they wouldn't be able to legally sell them for food. Then again the ban needs to also apply to all animals not only cows.

These animals are tortured, after giving there whole lives to humans, such as milk and then when they are so tired that they cant even stand up anymore because they have stood all there lives in a steel cage with unusually large udders because they are injected with hormones, that all they want to do is lay down. Once they do they cannot stand and are then subjected to torture and ridicule from owners and people moving these animals. Some are dragged, shot, beaten to death, left to die, starved AND all of the above.

These animals are in severe pain, HORRIBLE pain and they need to be humanely put down. Farm animal owners would rather kill the animals themselves cause its cheaper. Please don't let them do this to them.

I would like to help as much as I can and I do try, but I am small. I am only one person and if little people like us writing you these letters don't stick together. We wont be able to do it. I wish I could do more had the money or something. Please let this happen, these animals deserve to be humanely treated and we need to know were helping, not that it will stop us either way. Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,



Nicole Seymour