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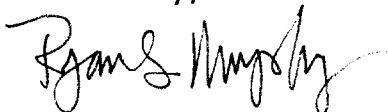
Dear FSIS Docket Clerk:

Firstly, I would like to thank you for putting into action an emergency ban on allowing downed animals from entering the food supply. This is a very important step in safeguarding the public from Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

I ask that you please do everything in your power to ensure that this becomes a permanent ban and that it includes not only downed cattle, but all types of livestock that are sick and unsuitable for human consumption. I also ask that this permanent ban contain a provision requiring immediate and humane euthanasia of these downed animals.

Thank you for your direct attention to this important matter. For the health and concern of humans and animals alike, I urge you to take positive action now!

Sincerely,



Ryan S. Murphy