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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to urge you to retain the prohibition on downer cows, and urge you to expand this ban to other species, including sheep and pigs.

It is absolutely critical for the USDA to keep the ban on slaughtering downed animals for human food.

Yours sincerely,

Joyce B. Lox Bothner
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