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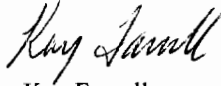
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Dear FSIS Docket Clerk:

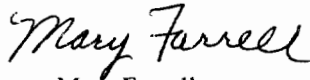
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank USDA Secretary Ann Veneman for banning the slaughter of downed cows for human consumption. Also I would ask that the USDA continue to hold firm against weakening changes and maintain its interpretation of downers, i.e., all non-ambulatory animals, regardless of the reason they are unable to stand or walk (injury, illness or both).

I would also emphasize the importance of expanding the ban to covering all species of downed animals - not just cows, but also pigs, sheep and other livestock and to require their humane euthanasia. Thanks for your time.

Regards,



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