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To FSIS Docket Clerk:

Thank you for implementing an emergency ban to prevent non-ambulatory animals from entering the food supply, as a safeguard against Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

I hope that you will make this ban permanent and include **all** types of livestock, not just cattle.

In order to minimize the suffering of these animals, a provision should be included In this bill requiring downed animals to be humanely immediately euthanized.

Thank you for your help for the animals.

Sincerely,

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