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Dear Food and Drug Administration personnel:

I am a supporter of Farm Sanctuary and am writing to ask you to grant docket # 03-025IF to ban the slaughter of downed animals for human food consumption.

I am strongly opposed to the inhumane practices currently in place in stockyards across the United States and hope you will pass this docket in an effort to improve the quality of the lives of these animals as well as to keep them out of the food chain process.

Downed animals are by definition animals who are too sick or injured to stand on their own. Downed animals are frequently dragged to slaughter, or abandoned to die slowly from neglect at stockyards across the country.

Thank you for your recent emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. Please make the ban permanent. Please also include all downed animals — sheep, pigs and other livestock, as well as all downed cattle — in the final ban. Finally, please add a requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, wherever they become downed.

I urge you to do all you can to support and pass docket # 03-025IF to assist in efforts to ensure that these sick or suffering animals are treated in an ethical and humane manner, and are kept out of the human food chain.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,

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