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Dear USDA Secretary Ann Veneman,,

*I want to thank you for banning the slaughter of downed cows for human consumption.*

*I want to urge you to hold the line against weakening changes and maintain USDA's interpretation of downers- i.e., all non ambulatory disabled animals, regardless of the reason they are unable to stand or walk (illness, injury, or a combination).*

*I also urge you to extend the ban to cover any species of downed animals not just cows, but also pigs, sheep, and livestock—and require heir humane euthanasia.*

*Sincerely,*  
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