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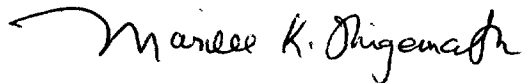
Dear Gentlemen:

Thank you for your emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. I sincerely hope that the ban will be permanent and will include all downed animals - sheep, pigs and other livestock, as well as all downed cattle - in the final ban.

I also ask you to please add a requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, wherever they become downed. This requirement could prevent the downed animals untold suffering.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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