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Docket 03-0251F  
Room 102, Cotton Annex  
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Washington, D.C. 20250-3700**

**Please make permanent the ban to slaughter for human consumption downed cattle, which includes sheep, pigs and other livestock, and add a requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately upon becoming "downed" animals.**

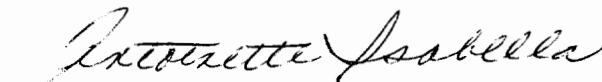
**We as a society who believes in humane treatment toward human beings, and in this country we've rightfully condoned this act of decency upon other nations by our intervening in opposition to their inhumane practices. However, how far have we become in our practice of civility and compassion when there are enormous amounts of abused, suffering and tortured animals that inhabit the ground of this country. The Factory Farms, Stockyards and Slaughterhouses are notorious for their cruel practices such as dragging animals too weak or injured to walk, using chains and pushed with tractors or forklifts – while others, often left for days unable to drink or eat and die of neglect after days of painful waiting or are dumped alive on auction "deadpiles".**

**How we Americans treat our animals is a direct correlation as to how we treat each other. A civil society will reach its zenith once we behave compassionately and appropriately with our fellow creatures.**

**We need more inspectors to visit these various facilities that house, farm, and breed animals that we humans use as food, recreation and pets.**

**Please impose protection for those who cannot speak for themselves.**

**Thank you.**



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