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RE: Downed Cow Legislation

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to the recent ban of downed cows for human consumption by the USDA, and a request to make this ban a permanent one. Downed animals of any species, cow and otherwise, should not be allowed to be dragged and hauled for slaughter. This is an incredibly inhumane practice and should be outlawed altogether. These animals should be euthanized and treated with the respect they deserve for having served us already during their lives.

Please work to see this ban a permanent one, along with including other animals such as pigs, horses, and sheep in the ban of downed animal slaughter.

Thank you in advance for your help in this matter. As a U.S. citizen, I recognize that the health of the animals we consume directly reflects the health of the consumers. I am sure you are also aware of this. I look forward to the permanence of the ban.

Sincerely,



Shannon Harper