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Dear Sirs:

How did "farming" ever evolve to the horror & cruelty of today. It's hard to believe a so-called civilized country like ours could stoop so low.

I am writing in support of the ban on slaughtering downed animals in hopes the USDA will at least take this one small step toward more humane treatment of cattle, and expand the ban to sheep, pigs, goats, etc.

Having watched the heart-wrenching video "Peaceable Kingdom" about factory farms, slaughter of animals, & the plight of downed animals, I pray the ban will be maintained & expanded. This documentary is to be shown in Los Angeles, Chicago & New York.

My family will be watching & waiting for the humane decision on this ban.

Sincerely,
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