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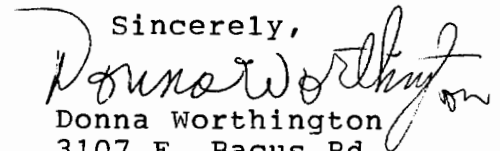
Dear USDA:

I'm writing to thank your agency for your emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. I'm asking that you make this vital ban permanent, and to include ALL downed animals---sheep, pigs and other livestock, as well as cattle---in the final ban. It is imparative that livestock have additional protection from trauma and suffering at the brutal hands of greedy, callous exploiters. I strongly insist that your department add a mandatory requirement that ALL downed animals be humanely euthanized IMMEDIATELY, WHEREVER they become downed.

The ruhtless, profit-driven meat and dairy industries must NOT be allowed to continue to blatantly ignore the humane treatment of animals. Since this is within your jurisdiction, it is vital that you mandate the ban in its entirety as I've stated it above, and that your department rigidly enforce every aspect of the new ban to ensure that livestock everywhere recieve the full protection of this urgently needed, and long overdo ban.

Your help is desperately needed in this greatly important matter. Thousands and thousands of gentle, vulnerable animals are heavily depending on your new regulations. I strongly urge you to read my tragically factual enclosure, and realize the many painful realities for "food" animals.

Sincerely,


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