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Washington, DC 20250

Thank you for your emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption, but I urge you to **make the ban permanent**. Furthermore, **include all downed animals** in the final ban, for the sake of human consumers as well as the animals. In the spirit of compassion, add the requirement that all downed animals **be humanely euthanized immediately** wherever they become "downed". Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,



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