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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for banning the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. This is an important step in eliminating animal cruelty.

Please make this ban permanent and include all downed livestock, not just cattle in this ban. No animal should have to suffer in this way. It is completely unnecessary and cruel in the extreme.

Please also add a requirement that all downed animals in the food industry be humanely euthanized immediately upon becoming downed.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Animal cruelty leads to aggressive behaviors towards humans, and all of this needs to stop.

Sincerely,



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