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I am writing in support of USDA Secretary Ann Veneman's ban of the slaughter of downed cows for human consumption. I urge her to extend the ban to cover any species of downed animal and to require their humane euthanasia.

Sincerely,

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