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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. I hope this ban will become permanent and will include all downed animals. I would also ask that a requirement be added to humanely euthanize all downed animals immediately, wherever they become downed.

I believe this is a necessary measure that needs to become permanent due to the recent "mad cow disease" scare that this country has encountered and also the most humane action that can be done for these animals.

Sincerely,

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