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RE: USDA DOWNER BAN

USDA - FSIS Docket Clerk :

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and several friends and family members, some of whose names appear below. We urge you to maintain the downed cattle ban and to expand the ban to include a ban on all downed animals, including goats, pigs and sheep.

We have grave concerns about the health risks of downer animals in the human and/or pet food supply. Downed animals are more likely to have neurological disorders and pose a health risk. It should be a legal requirement that these animals be humanely euthanized.

In addition to our concerns about health risks to humans and pets, we believe the marketing and slaughtering of downed animals is cruel and irresponsible, and should be prohibited.