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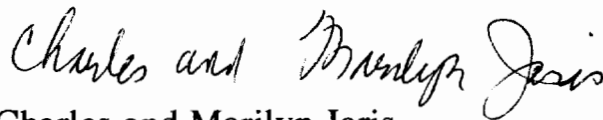
Dear Sirs:

Animals used for human food sources should be cared for and protected to ensure their health and welfare before slaughter. Having read reports on injured and/or abused animals forced to endure inhumane treatments and brutal violence in pens and stockyards/ slaughter houses, we are demanding that ALL farm animals be included in the ban on downers. Non-ambulatory pigs, sheep and other animals can suffer^{as} much as cattle. Furthermore, ALL diseased or disabled animals, regardless of type, offer potential harm to human health.

We demand that the USDA explicitly require HUMANE EUTHANASIA of non-ambulatory animals immediately when they are found in the stockyards, slaughter house and facilities for processing meat.

Business cannot go on as usual given these conditions. America cannot lose its compassion for a few dollars.

Sincerely Yours,



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