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To Whom It May Concern:

I am SHOCKED to learn that the downer cattle, these poor sick and injured farm animals have been used for food!

I strongly support the USDA's proposed rule to prohibit downer cattle in the human food supply and it needs to be required that these animals be humanely euthanized.

I encourage the USDA to ban all downed pigs, sheep, goats and equine species from being used for human food. Just as downer cattle are more likely to have mad cow disease, downed sheep, pigs and other species are more likely to be afflicted with neurological disorders.

The marketing and slaughtering of downed animals for human food is cruel and irresponsible, and the practice should be prohibited.

I thank the USDA for their time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Cindy Fleishman Carson

