04 FEB -6 AMII: 41 574 Ramapo Valley Road Oakland, New Jersey 07436

January 29, 2004

USDA FSIS Docket Clerk Room 102, Cotton Annex 300 12th and C Street SW. Washington, DC 20250-3700 03-025IF-75 03-025IF John Hudzina

Re:

Docket 03-025IF

Dear FSIS Docket Clerk:

I wish to thank the USDA for implementing emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. In light of the recent case of mad cow disease in the United States, this was the appropriate action to take.

I would not like to respectfully urge the USDA to make this ban permanent, and to include ALL downed livestock in the final ban.

Finally, I urge the U.S. Department of Agriculture to require that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately upon becoming downed.

Sincerely,