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I am writing in support of the USDA's policy that "all non-ambulatory disabled cattle presented for slaughter be condemned." The Washington State cow and the BSE-positive Canadian cow were both believed to be suffering from injuries and not illness. To weaken the USDA's ban would be foolhardy and show that greed and cruelty win out over the safety of the American public.

The reason there is this disease is because the animals were fed an unnatural and inappropriate diet by the cattle industry. Hopefully, in future, the downed animals will be euthenized in a humane way and the cattle industry will take better care of their "product.'

Sincerely, Jacquellie Stely

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