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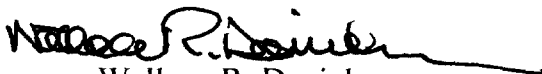
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In order to provide decency and a modicum of comfort to old and ill downer animals that are on their way to the slaughterhouse, I wish to add my voice to those requesting more humane regulations be enforced by the USDA. These animals, many of which have not been treated well throughout their lives, should not be subjected to the terrible cruelties they endure when down.

- (i) The ban on using downed cows for food should be permanent.
- (ii) The ban on using downed animals should apply to all farm animals—not just cows.
- (iii) Require that downed animals be euthanized. An animal that is downed is clearly in severe pain, and it is impossible to humanely transport a downed cow, pig, or other large animal (which can only be lifted with a crane or forklift).

It is time to act in the interest of animals, not the agribusinesses that for years have done everything in their power to oppose legislation banning the use of downed animals for human food.



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