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Dear Sir or Madam:

First, I wish to express my appreciation for the action your agency has taken to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. In addition, I urge that this ban become permanent, and that it be expanded to include not just cattle but ALL downed animals, including sheep, goats, pigs, and other livestock. I also request that these suffering animals be put out of their misery by a painless means of euthanization whenever and wherever they fall under the category of "downed," that is, too ill or injured to stand on their own. Thank you.

Sincerely,


Judith K. Canepa