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RE: Docket 03-025IF.

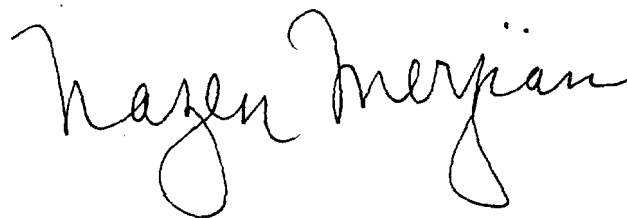
We want the ban on downed cattle slaughter to remain permanent. For years, the cattle industry lobbied to allow downed cattle suffering from broken legss, disease and other injuries to be slaughtered for human food. This was unconscionable.

We thank the USDA for its emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption.

Please make the ban permanent, and include ALL downed animals, sheep, pigs and other livestock, as well as downed cows, in the final ban.

Finally, please add the requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized wherever they become downed.

Sincerely,



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