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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to thank the USDA for the recent ban on the slaughter of downed cows. This ban not only is more humane to animals but also makes meat much safer for human consumption. I am also writing to urge you to make this ban a permanent one, and to apply is to all animals that are consumed by humans; pigs, sheep, and all other livestock. No downed animals should ever be considered as safe for ingestion by humans.

I urge you to also require that all downed animals be humanely euthanized whenever they become downed. No animal should have to experience the suffering that downed animals go through.

Thank you,

Irene Korber