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To: USDA Secretary Ann Veneman

Re: The Continued Need To  
Protect A Strong Downed Animal Ban

Dear Ms. Veneman,

Thank you so much for your efforts in banning the slaughter of downed cows for human consumption. I would urge you, however, to not be swayed by a segment of the industry and its allies in Congress to weaken the downer ban. Please maintain the USDA's interpretation of downers. Also, please extend the ban to cover **all species of downed animals** – not just cows, but pigs, sheep, and other livestock- and to require their humane euthanasia.

Sincerely,



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