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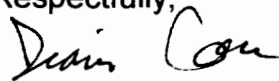
Dear USDA:

We want to express our full support for the ban on downed animals for human consumption. We believe the ban should be made permanent and should not be weakened in any way. Since the outbreak of Mad Cow Disease, our family has been consuming only organic meat. We have lost all trust and confidence in the USDA's ability to protect the public from unsafe meat.

By lifting the ban, the USDA is putting the public's health at a grave risk. We are disgusted that it is even considering this action. For once, public safety must be put ahead of industry interests.

We also call on the USDA to include all meats (poultry, pork, etc) in this ban. All injured and diseased animals, regardless of species, are susceptible to neurological diseases. Why wait for another outbreak? Action is needed now – before serious harm is done.

Respectfully,



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