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Dear Secretary Veneman,

Thank you for having let me have a moment of your time. I appreciate it very much.

I want to thank you for banning the slaughter of downed cows for human consumption. I urge you to hold fast and hold the line against weakening changes and maintain the USDA's interpretation of downed cows - ie. ALL non-ambulatory, disabled animals, regardless of the reason that they are unable to stand or walk (whether injury or illness, or both). I urge you to also extend the ban to cover any and all other species of downed animals - not just cows, but also pigs, sheep and other livestock - and to require their humane euthanasia.

Thank you very much.

Very sincerely,  
N. McDonald

