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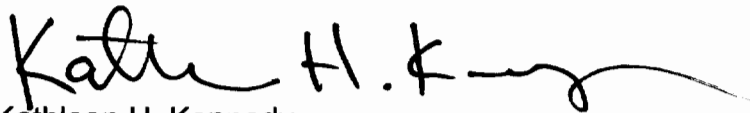
Gentlemen\Ladies:

I understand that the current emergency ban on the slaughter of "downed" cattle is a temporary measure.

This letter is to thank you for taking that action, but also to urge that the prohibition remain permanent and that there be no exemption that would allow *any* downed animal--including sheep, pigs and other livestock--to go to slaughter.

I also strongly urge that the USDA require the immediate humane euthanasia of animals who are down.

Sincerely yours,



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