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I wish to thank Secretary Ann Veneman for banning the slaughter of downed cows for human consumption. I hope the meat industry will not be allowed to weaken the USDA's interpretation of downers. It should remain all non-ambulatory disabled animals, regardless of the reason they are unable to stand or walk. I would like to see the ban extended to cover any species of downed animals including pigs, sheep and other livestock and to require humane euthanasia.

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