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Feb. 6, 2004

To FSIS Docket Clerk:

Regarding the ban on the slaughter of downed cattle, I am writing to thank USDA for implementing your emergency measures.

These downed cattle should never be used for human consumption. You made an appropriate

response to help limit the risk of mad cow disease in America.

But please, I urge the USDA to please make this ban permanent.

I also urge you to include ALL downed animals - sheep, pigs, and other livestock-not just cattle- in the final ban.

Finally, I urge USDA to require that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately upon becoming downed.

Sincerely, Georgia & Stan Herman 25532 Jesmond Dene Rd Escondido, CA 92026

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