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For the animals, it is an eternal Treblinda. - Isaac Singer

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USDA Food Safety Inspection Service
Docket 03-025IF
Room 102, Cotton Annex
300 12th & C St., SW
Washington, DC 20250-3700

Re: Docket 03-025IF

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is appalling that so many sentient beings are still being ignored by your agency. All animals deserve to be treated with compassion. Although I don't believe that any sentient being should be raised and killed for the purpose of filling one's dinner plate, for those who are, care must be taken to ensure that, notwithstanding their terrible plight, they are treated as humanely and with as much respect as possible.

The ban on downed animals must include all farmed animals, not just cattle! Any animal, whether he or she be a cow, a steer, a pig, a sheep, or a goat, must be covered under the legislation designed to protect animals too sick or injured to walk or even stand.

Furthermore, these downed animals must not be left lying around in piles for hours and days on end! They must be euthanized as gently and as soon as possible. I fail to understand why this is so difficult to do. If we can send a vehicle to Mars, we can certainly take proper care of the sick and injured victims of our nation's agricultural megaplex.

Please act, if not with a sense of compassion, then at least with some measure of responsibility, and right this wrong as quickly as possible.

I look forward to a prompt and favorable resolution to this urgent matter.

Respectfully yours,



Maryanne Appel