

Dear Secretary Veneman,

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Thank you for banning the slaughter of downed
cows for human consumption.

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I urge you to hold the line against
weakening changes and maintain USDA's
interpretation of downers (all non-ambulatory
disabled animals, regardless of the reason they are
unable to stand or walk. illness, injury or a
combination).

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I also urge you to extend the ban to cover any
species of downed animals - not just cows but pigs,
sheep and other livestock. It also should be required
that the euthanizing of these animals be done in a
humane manner.

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