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To Whom It May Concern:

While it is good that the USDA has finally implemented a ban on downed animals, this temporary ban is not nearly broad enough in scope to prevent the transmission of BSE to humans, nor does it address the need for humane slaughter of downed animals.

Firstly, regulations should apply to all animals entering the food chain: this is necessitated by the fact that most farm animals are fed to each other.

There need to be restrictions on using downed and diseased animals for pet food. Several cats in the UK have caught BSE. I love my dog, and I do not want her catching mad cow disease because of the Agricultural industries negligence.

These animals must be humanely euthanized as soon as they become ill or incapacitated. There is no humane way to move these animals. These animals have suffered enough. If there were a permanent, meaningful ban on the use of these animals, the industry would be forced to treat them more carefully.

Thanks for your time!

Sincerely,



Seana Parker