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U. S. D. A. Food Safety Inspection Service
Docket 03-0251F
Room 102, Cotton Annex
300 12th and C Street SW
Washington, DC 20250-3700

Dear Sir:

So you have a ban on "downers" - beef only. This means you are promoting the beef industry's public relations and damage control. Injured and diseased sheep, pigs and goats are excluded from the ban. If you have no compassion for sick and disabled animals of these species, you certainly have no concern for the humans that could be made sick, or even worse, from consuming their flesh.

If you have a spark of compassion in you, you must include downers of all species in your ban. You must, indeed, require that all non-ambulatory animals be humanely euthanized as soon as they are discovered at stockyards, slaughterhouses + other facilities. Otherwise, you will prove your callousness + indifference to pain + suffering.

Sincerely,

Greta Bunting