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Room 102, Cotton Annex
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To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing to ask that your organization uses its influence to include all farm animals in the ban on downed animals, not just cattle. Non-ambulatory pigs, sheep and other animals can suffer just as much as cattle. All diseased and disabled animals, regardless of their species, can pose serious health threats to humans.

I also insist that the USDA explicitly requires the humane euthanasia of non-ambulatory animals immediately upon their discovery at stockyards, slaughterhouses, and other facilities (over)

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ponsynore