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Dear Sir:

I am strongly urging you to be aware of and to reach those animals on factory farms which are exempt from the federal Animal Welfare Act and state anti-cruelty laws.

There is no excuse for the needless suffering and agony of downed animals especially when it can readily be avoided simply by humanely euthanizing these animals immediately.

I thank the U.S. D.A. for banning the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption.

Please make this ban permanent and please include all downed animals - all livestock - as well as cattle.

Emphasize euthanizing immediately when downed!!

Thank you for your attention to this matter - and looking forward to your reply:

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