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To Whom This may concern:

I would like to thank you for the emergency measures implemented to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. I realize it took the threat of mad cow disease to prompt this intervention. I would like to see this ban become permanent and to include all downed animals included in this final ban. Ignoring the agony of suffering animals is not the mark of a civilized society. Really, turning the other cheek in this matter is cruel and inhumane. Please make this ban permanent for all livestock, for our health and for our humanity.

Sincerely,

Rene Succa