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I just needed to contact you and thank the USDA for finally taking a stand against the slaughter of downed cattle. Thank goodness for mad cow disease. Legislation happens through odd means! Because sound public policy has been lacking for so long it's time to continue the ban to all downed animals. Time is up. What else do we need to have happen before we take these measures? Foreign markets don't want our chicken etc. Financial I don't think farmers can afford to carry on business as usual. Please consider making this ban permanent and extend it to all downed animals. For the financial stability of farmers as well as the health of us citizens... not to mention the cruelty of the animals. In closing, I'd also like to ask that you add a requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, whenever they become downed.

Sincerely, Michelle Mitchell
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