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To Whom It May Concern:

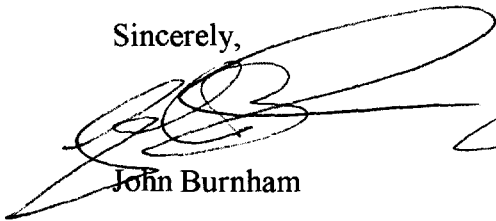
In response to the call for public comment on the recent ban on the slaughter of downed cattle, we would like to add our support for this move and a hope that the USDA will extend the ban to include other species such as sheep and pigs.

Not only will this ban provide some incentive for the beef industry to pay more attention to how safe its procedures are, it will also hopefully lead to the greater compassionate treatment for these forgotten animals, who suffer daily under unimaginable conditions.

We implore the officials at the USDA to continue to push for these common-sense provisions to put in place concerning the food industry in this country. The costs will be minor when compared to the potential crises being averted.

Thanks for your consideration of these comments,

Sincerely,



John Burnham



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