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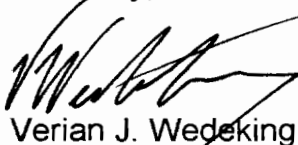
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to thank the USDA and the agency for its emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. In addition, I would like to desperately urge the agency to make the ban permanent and to include all downed animals – sheep, pigs, and other livestock as well as cattle – in the final ban.

Please require that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, wherever they become downed.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Verian J. Wedeking