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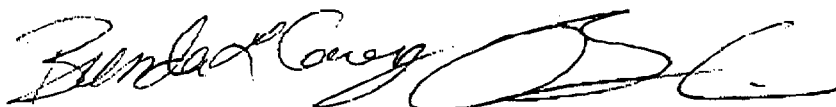
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge you to require that ALL downed animals be euthanized, not just cows. Mad Cow is not the only danger that arises from people ingesting the meat from sick animals. It is simply not a hygienic practice to allow the American public to consume meat from animals too sick to walk. It should not take something as scary as Mad Cow to create regulations against such disgusting practices.

Also, the animals that are too sick to walk to slaughter are treated horribly by those attempting to still get them there to make a buck. For instance, they are dragged by chains around their necks. This is no way to treat animals, even if you are going to kill and eat the animal, you don't have to torture it first. We feel confident in saying that the overwhelming majority of Americans agree with us on these points.

For the above reasons, for the benefit of both people and animals, please ensure that the Downed Animal Act is extended to all animals.

Sincerely,



Brenda Carey and Brian Acree