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DEAR SIR OR MADAM:

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I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO THANK THE AGENCY FOR ITS EMERGENCY MEASURES TO BAN THE SLAUGHTER OF DOWNED CATTLE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION. PLEASE MAKE THE BAN PERMANENT, AND INCLUDE ALL DOWNED ANIMALS - SHEEP, PIGS AND OTHER LIVESTOCK, AS WELL AS CATTLE - IN THE FINAL BAN.

IN CLOSING, I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE USDA ADD A REQUIREMENT THAT ALL DOWNED ANIMALS BE HUMANELY EUTHANIZED IMMEDIATELY, WHEREVER THEY BECOME DOWNED.

THANK YOU
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