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I am writing to thank the USDA for your emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. I also urge the USDA to make the ban on downed cattle slaughter permanent, and to include all downed animals — sheep, pigs and other livestock, as well as all downed cattle — in the final ban. For years, the cattle industry lobbied to allow downed cattle suffering from broken legs, disease and other injuries to be slaughtered for human food. Finally, I am asking that the USDA add a requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, wherever they become downed.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue regarding downed animals.

Sincerely,

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