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To Whom It may concern:

I was given this address by Dr Grandahl who is in charge of North Dakota's meat processing programs. We are a custom exempt plant and are very concerned with the new law on downer cattle. ~~Being~~ Including animals with broken legs doesn't make very much sense to us as many times we get cattle in with broken legs that have slipped on the ice or while farmers are working with them they have gotten a leg caught in the chute or been bumped by the vehicle breaking their leg. Before this happened they were a healthy animal. I see ~~no~~ reasons to waste the meat from this ~~downer~~ otherwise healthy animal - please make some allowances in the law so

the farmer can use the meat himself. Since he could slaughter the animal himself when weather conditions are cool but in the summer there is no place for them to cool a freshly slaughtered animal. We as a plant would also lose out on processing of these animals and in a small business like ours we need all the business we can get. Please reconsider including animals with broken legs or cut tendons for custom slaughtering.

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