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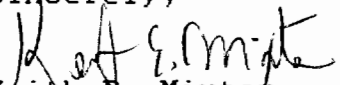
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I am writing to the U.S. Department of Agriculture in thanks for its emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. Please make this ban permanent and include in it all downed animals.

Please add a requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately whenever they become downed. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


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