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Re: Public comments on downer ban

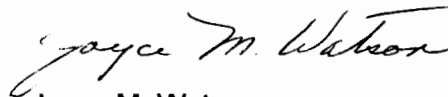
Gentlemen:

We urge the U.S. Department of Agriculture to **retain** the prohibition on downer cows and to **expand** the prohibition to include other farm animals as well: sheep and pigs, for instance. It is very important that ill downer animals not be used for human or pet consumption.

Yours truly,



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