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Re: Docket 03-025IF

My heartfelt thanks for the wonderful job you have done to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. One step forward in the right direction. My dream is that all other livestock will be included in this ban and that all downed animals are humanely euthanized immediately wherever they become downed.

I have recently learned of the agony these animals go through, pigs crying out in pain, animals still alive thrown into piles of other dead animals, literally buried alive and others too weak to walk who are dragged, pushed, etc. to marketing auctions. I am so ashamed that for all these years I was ignorant to all that went on. I thought all farm animals lived the life of the ones I see on my way to work every day. Like the cows and their calves running in the fields, the babies wagging their tales, pigs who are so dirty and fat that they are just so huggable and irresistible. I have recently read the horror stories where animals are left without food and water and live in their own excrement, with parasites and other animals dead and decomposing around them. I have very mixed emotions about my newfound awakening into the gruesome lives that many farm animals lead. Sad because I find myself unable to sleep just thinking of the torture and pain they go through every day of their lives, I have moments when I am so angry that this is allowed to go on......and happy of my newfound awakening because it has obsessed me to do letter writing campaigns to urge people like you to realize that it is not only the animals who are affected by this but the people who deeply care about animals and who have compassion in their hearts for these wonderful creatures of God.

Please know that there are many people out there who are deeply concerned for the welfare of all animals and pray for the end of their suffering and torture – please take into consideration the pain these animals suffer over the extra buck that the factory farmers are fighting for. Please help to put an end to animal cruelty.

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