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To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to thank and applaud the USDA for taking the emergency measure to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption.

I would like to further encourage the USDA to make the ban *permanent*,

to ban the use of downed cattle for *any* reason (that is, it should not be used in pet food either),

to *include all downed animals* such as sheep, pigs, and other livestock in the future permanent ban,

and to create a feasible, reliable plan for the ban's regulation and compliance by industry.

Finally, I ask that the USDA add a requirement to the ban that would ensure that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, wherever they become downed.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

With the hope for a more humane system,

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