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Docket 03-0251F  
Room 102, Cotton Annex  
300 12th and C Street SW  
Washington, DC 20250-3700

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to thank the USDA for its emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption.

Please make this ban permanent, and include all downed animals—sheep, pigs and other livestock, as well as all downed cattle—in the final ban.

I am also requesting that the USDA add a requirement that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, wherever they become downed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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