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Dear sir/madam:

On December 30, 2003, the USDA prohibited the slaughter of downed cattle, animals too sick to stand, for human consumption to help protect against mad cow disease.

Alarminglly, agribusiness and their legislative cronies in Washington are lobbying to lift the ban. My family and I are urging the USDA to retain the prohibition on downer cows and to also expand the ban to include sheep and pigs.

The health of every American is far greater than the profits of the meat industry. If the ban is lifted, I have no choice but to eliminate beef from my diet.

Thank you for your attention to this most serious matter.

Respectfully,



Roy A. Froelich