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To: FSIS Docket Clerk

Docket 03-0251F

Room 102, Cotton Annex

300 12th and C Street SW

Washington, DC 20250-3700

Re: Downed Animals

Message: Thank you very much for your emergency measures to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. Please make this ban permanent and include all downed animals in a permanent final ban. The animals that we request to be included in the final ban are cattle, sheep, pigs and all other livestock.

Finally, please add a requirement that all downed animal be humanely euthanized immediately, wherever they become downed.

Thank you very much for responding positively to this request and helping to spare many living, innocent creatures from cruelty and a horrific death and to spare human beings from consumption of these downed animals.

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