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To Whom It May Concern,

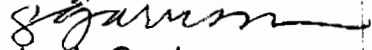
I am writing to express strong support for the USDA's proposed rule to prohibit downer cattle in the human food supply and to require that these animals be humanely euthanized.

This whole industry it wrought with inhumane problems, but I am especially shocked that these animals are being used for food in the first place. Please ban all downed pigs, sheep, goats, and equine species from being used for human food.

I also ask that laws be passed that make the slaughter process as humane as possible. No more dragging animals by chains and fork-lifts! Please put laws into place that make sure the animals are not conscious when being killed.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Garrison