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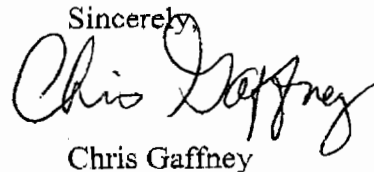
RE: Downed Animal Ban

To The FSIS Docket Clerk:

Please maintain the downed cattle ban as proposed. I understand that such a ban would stop the use of downer cattle for human consumption, and that the downed animals would be euthanized. In fact, I think that the USDA should ban all downed animals, not just cattle, since it is so cruel and inhumane to keep the animals suffering so long as I have read about and seen in pictures. Also, keeping any downers in the food supply may be linked to cancer and other diseases that we may not even know about yet . . . who knows? All in all, prohibiting the use of downed animals as food seems like the ethical course of action.

I appreciate your time and your consideration of my views.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chris Gaffney