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Docket 03-0251F
Rm. 102, Cotton Annex
300 12th and C St. SW,
Wash. D.C. 20250-3700

Dear Sir,

On Dec. 30, 2003 the USDA prohibited the slaughter of downed cattle, animals too sick to stand, for human food to help protect against mad cow disease. Alarming, agribusiness and their legislative allies in Washington, D.C. are lobbying the USDA to lift the downer ban. It is imperative to not only keep this ban but to expand it to include other species such as sheep and pigs.

As a private citizen, and a teacher in the public school system, where these policies are discussed in class, I urge you to retain the prohibition on downer cows and expand the ban to include other species.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Nancy McTaggart