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March 17, 2004

FSIS Docket Clerk  
Docket 03-0251F  
Room 102, Cotton Annex  
300 12<sup>th</sup> and C Street SW  
Washington ,D. C. 20250-3700

Re: Downed Animal Ban

Dear USDA:

I write to urge that the USDA maintain the downed cattle ban and that it be expanded to include all downed animals. I wholeheartedly support the USDA's proposed rule to prohibit downer cattle in our human food supply, which only seems obvious to do for our sake and the sake of the animals. It is amazing to me that these animals have ever been allowed to be included in our food supply. We deserve a better quality of food supply and the animals certainly deserve better treatment. Downed animal slaughter for our food seems inherently conducive to humans contracting diseases. Just one look at a downed animal tells anyone that they could not possibly add to a healthy human food supply. Moreover, it is a cruel procedure. Please prohibit downer cattle and other animals from entering the food supply.

I also urge that the USDA require that the animals be humanely euthanized.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



Nancy Anderson