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102 Cotton Annex
300 Thea Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-3700

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing with regard to the rule banning the slaughter of all non-ambulatory or "downer" cattle for food. There is no reason to exclude healthy animals if they cannot walk due to injury or calving problem. Many injuries are incurred in the transporting to the slaughter facility or mistreatment and abuse by employees working with the animals prior to and after arrival. This is what really needs to be looked at, because many injured (but otherwise healthy) animals are left to suffer for hours. There is NO reason to waste that food, AND there is no reason for us to be allowing this negligent suffering of other living beings!

Thank You,
Cindy Okleberry