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FSIS Docket Clerk
Docket 03-025IF
Room 102, Cotton Annex
300 12th and C Street SW
Washington, DC 20250-3700

Dear FSIS Docket Clerk:

Thank you for creating emergency measures that ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption. As an animal rights advocate, I am hoping that the problem of downed animals will be eliminated in the meat industry. Until then, I hope that you will make the ban permanent and include all animals - sheep, pigs, and other livestock - as well as cattle, in the final ban. Please also include a requirement that all downed animals be humanely and immediately euthanized to prevent further suffering wherever they become downed.

Thank you for your attention to this important human and animal health issue.

Sincerely,

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