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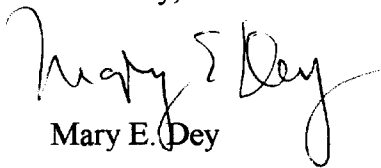
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Re: Docket No. 03-025IF

This is to USDA Secretary Ann Veneman to thank her for banning the slaughter of downed cows for human consumption. I urge her to hold the line against weakening changes and maintain USDA's interpretation of downers, i.e., all non-ambulatory disabled animals, regardless of the reason they are unable to stand or walk (illness, injury, or a combination). Also, I urge her to extend the ban to cover any species of downed animals, not just cows, but also pigs, sheep, and other livestock, and to require their *humane* euthanasia.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Mary E. Dey