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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to thank the USDA for the emergency measures it has taken to ban the slaughter of downed cattle for human consumption in response to the recent discovery of BSE in the United States.

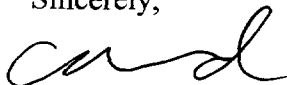
I am also writing to make the following comments regarding the USDA's proposed permanent guidelines for dealing with BSE:

-The ban on the slaughter of downed cattle should be made permanent, and the final ban should be on all downed animals, including sheep, pigs and other livestock.

-Please add a requirement to the guidelines that all downed animals be humanely euthanized immediately, wherever they become downed.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Christine Richard