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Secretary of Agriculture USA

We understand the USDA has a "Temporary" ban in place pertaining to "Downer Animals". As well, we understand plans are underway to have a "Downed Animals Protection Act" introduced and passed.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the Government of the United States and similarly Canada, adopt permanent "Downed Animal Protection Acts' that will finally and for all times, prohibit Downer Animals from entering the Food Chain of both Humans and Animals. Further, that all "Downer Animals" receive immediate, compassionate and humane treatment, upon being determined.

We must move North America into 21st Century thinking, practices and processes and move away from inhumane and outdated, largely "greed inspired" Animal husbandry and killing practices. While many North Americans have adopted Vegetarian life styles, there still exists many others that will continue, regardless of fines and well motivated efforts to the contrary, to eat meat from Cattle & Fowl. So, the least Government can do is impose very strict laws and humane killing practices that will end the considerable abuse witnessed by Companies like Kentucky Fried Chicken among others. Equally so, that "Downer Animals" are treated with respect, that they be attended to by qualified personnel immediately and that they never enter the Food chain of Humans and Animals.

We have developed a comprehensive web.site at www.thecouncilclaw.ca but in particular our section dealing with the "Wholesome and Humane" treatment of Animals will afford readers with minimial standards dealing with most species of Animals and clearly states practices and procedures to deal with "Downer Animals", as well.

We trust you will permit your intelligence and compassion to overcome strong lobbies by unscrupulous producers whom would have you sell your souls, just so they can make a buck, at any cost, not the least of which is serious implication to Human health, at the continued failure to prohibit Downer Animals to enter food chains.

Yours truly,

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