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Food Safety and Inspection Service
Room 2534 South Agriculture Building
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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SUBJECT: Docket Number FSIS-2008-0022

Dear USDA:

I support the proposed rule endorsed by USDA Secretary Ed Schafer that all downed cattle including those who become downed after inspection be banned from slaughter. And, of course, enforcement is expected.

The meat industry has come under fire for their abuse of these animals. A scandalous and shocking undercover video of sick and injured animals being shocked with high voltage, dragged with chains and having water hoses shoved down their noses and throats in an effort to move them along is just too much to bear. This all too common violent and disturbing behavior must not be tolerated. All other downed animals who suffer equally should be included as well. The humane euthanasia of all downers is appropriate. I have ethical concerns as well as concerns for the safety of food for human consumption. Further, the meat industry profits from turning downed animals into food. It must stop. Thank you for considering my comments.

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