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USDA

Dear USDA ,

Regarding Docket Number FSIS-2008-0022, I encourage the USDA to adopt the proposed rules regarding the Disposition of Downer Cattle. Specifically, I fully support the USDA's proposal to exclude all downed cattle, including those who may become downed after inspection at slaughterhouses, from being slaughtered. Instead, these animals should be humanely euthanized on the spot.

I also encourage the FSIS to extend its ban on the slaughter of downed cattle to cover ALL downed livestock, including pigs, goats, sheep, and others. No crippled or sick animal should suffer gratuitously, and the public deserves the assurance that our health is being treated as a priority when it comes to our food supply.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Miss Susan Collins