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Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Food Safety and Inspection Service
Room 2534 South Agriculture Building
1400 Independence Ave., SW
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Dear USDA,

We are writing in regard to Docket Number FSIS-2008-0022. We strongly encourage the USDA to adopt the proposed rules regarding the Disposition of Downer Cattle. Specifically, we fully support the USDA's proposal to exclude *all* downed cattle, including those who may become downed after inspection at slaughterhouses, from being slaughtered.

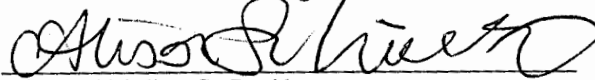
Instead, these animals should be humanely euthanized on the spot.

We also encourage the FSIS to extend its ban on the slaughter of downed cattle to cover *ALL* downed livestock, including pigs, goats, sheep, horses, and others. No crippled or sick animal should suffer needlessly, and the public deserves the assurance that the USDA is prioritizing our health by protecting our food supply.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

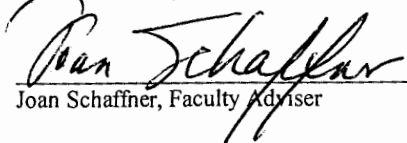
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