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Ladies/Gentlemen:

Please prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. There is much
cruelty of animals in the Farming Industry. A great deal of
evidence to this fact has been sent to me over the last few
years. I cannot consume meat without the sound of screaming
animals in pain droning in my ears. Can't we legislate more
effective standards for the handling of animals in the meat
producing facilities in the United States? From everything
I've read and seen, our meat producers handle living animals
as though they were pieces of inanimate objects. No concern
for the animals as living beings is shown by humans operating
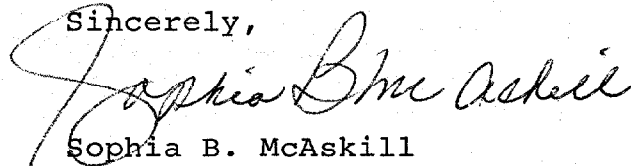in these "halls of death and degradation".

I am thoroughly dismayed and disgusted by the lack of humaneness
in the quarters of the Farming Industry. Instead, there is
much brutality as humans chop and cut into animals ..... many
that are still alive and breathing. What God-Awful pain and
agony these poor creatures must endure before they breath their
last breath.

I cannot be proud of my fellow beings who hack away at these
living creatures like savages. I cannot be proud of the
individuals who manage and supervise such inhumane practices.

Animals are not inanimate objects. They are living beings who
should be shown at least a modicum of compassion and respect.
They lose their lives so that we humans can live.

I would like to see our government officials take meaningfull
strides to instill humane practices in the Farming Industry,
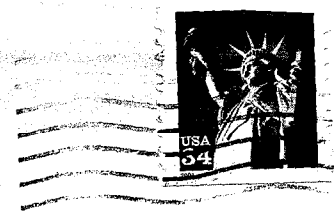and bring some decency to our meat producing operations.

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