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FSIS Docket Clerk
Docket 03-0251F
Room 102, Cotton Annex
300 12th and C Street SW.
Washington DC 20250-3700

To Whom It May Concern:

In the interest of expediency, the undersigned organizations have authorized Patricia Rankin to advocate for all of us in the matter of the USDA's ban on the treatment of "downed animals" and the efforts to lift said ban by agribusiness and their legislative allies in Washington, DC.

We applaud the USDA for implementing the ban on the slaughter of "downed animals". Please expand the ban to include all animals, including pigs, sheep, goats and equines. The use of sick and injured animals being slaughtered for human consumption is cruel and irresponsible and should not be allowed.

Summarily, there should be no question in anyone's mind that these animals, as living and pain-feeling creatures, at the very least, deserve a humane death. We are not asking for money, just human compassion and care.

Thank you for your consideration. We trust an affirmative answer to this situation. We understand that you are not in a policy-making position, and so we will be contacting our respective legislators by copy of this letter.

Humanely Yours

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