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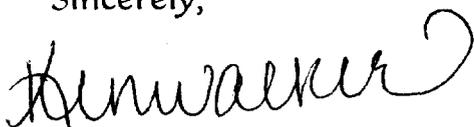
To whom it may concern

I am writing concerning the downed cow trade and in hopes of seeing it end. It not only disgusts me to see these poor animals treated the way they are, but also to think my family and friends are likely eating the meat from some of these sick and mistreated animals. I see no way in which stopping the downed cow trade could possibly hurt the economy, if anything I think it would provide more of an incentive for the industry to provide better care for the animals, which is incredibly important to more people than you think. Its obvious cows, among other animals' do in fact feel pain, that should be plainly obvious to even someone who dislikes animals. People think that they aren't suffering but the fact is they do cry out in pain when hurt and do bleed just like humans.

I urge you to please put an end to this trade, not only to keep the contaminated or sick meat out of the human food chain, but also so these animals might live a half way decent life until taken to the slaughter house.

Thank you for time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

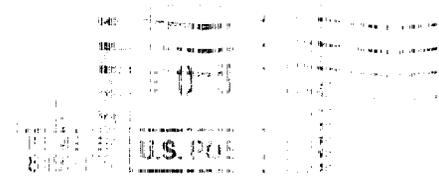


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