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Dear U.S.D.A.

We need your help with "downers", We must stop the "Downed" animal trade - Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the food chain

2, Some "downed" animals are affected with BSE (or mad cow disease)

3, It is impossible to move "downed" animals humanely & they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises & abrasions, to broken bones & torn ligaments.

4, Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered & prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

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5, Industry experts have estimated that 90% percents of downed animals can be prevented with better care & handling - Removing

the market for "downed" animals ~~will~~ can be prevented with better care in handling. Removing the market for "downed" animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent "downed" animals in the first place. We'd be most grateful.

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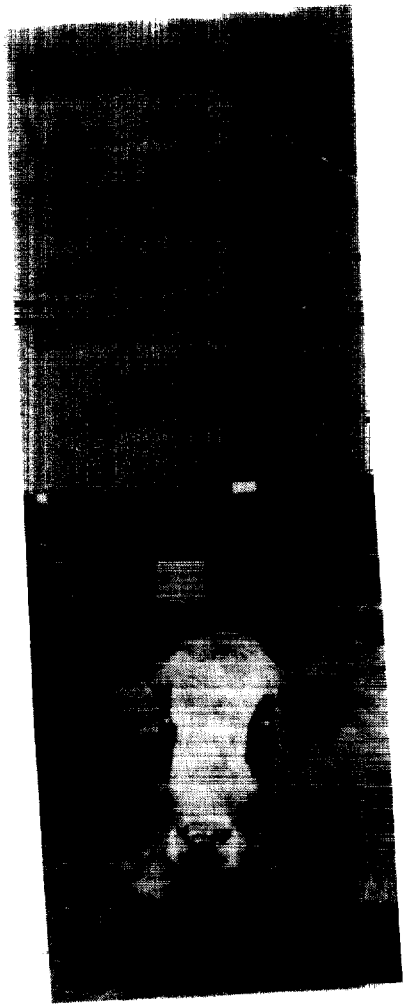

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