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DOWNED CATTLE

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Dear U.S. Food and Drug Administration:

I write again to urge that attention be paid to completely curtailing the marketing and slaughter of DOWNED cattle. I am pleased that the USDA will no longer accept their ground meat and that there is a growing recognition that their flesh should NOT enter the human food chain. The current and highly disturbing concern about B.S.E. adds weight to this recognition.

The moving of these wretched creatures, by tractor or chain is beyond inhumane and in any circumstance other than AGRICULTURE such cruelty would warrant legal punishment. Prohibiting this grotesquery from continuing would not hurt the market since they are only a small percent of the food industry product and even experts in the area agree that downed cattle can be prevented with better care and handling.

Please, remove the market for 'downed cattle' - a situation that is rife with serious health and cruelty (and image) problems! The time is certainly now to vanquish it from our farming practices.

Thank You!

Sincerely,

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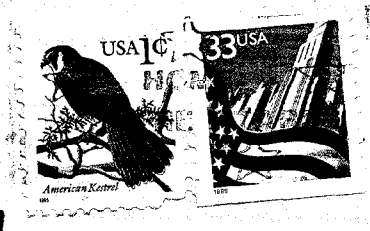

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