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To Whom It May Concern:

I eat beef several times a month, however I believe that animals who are too sick or injured to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. It is impossible to move downed animals humanely and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains. This is inhumane process. Downed animals compromise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship. Experts have estimated that downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals.

Sincerely, Donna Falcone

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