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**Dear Sir/Madam:**

***This letter is to bring to your attention, the horrible conditions of farm animals and the painful suffering they are put through. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand, should NOT BE allowed to enter the human food chain. People who have no feelings for animals should not be involved in farming because animals should not be kicked around.***

***It is practically impossible to move downed animals humanely. They are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains—inhumane processes which cause injuries raging from bruises and abrasions,, to broken bones and torn ligaments.***

***Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship. 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the industry to prevent down animals in the first place.***

***It's sad that we, the public have to see and this horrible treatment is going on and nothing is being done about it. I write to you today and I bring this to your attention hoping that something is done about this.***

**Sincerely,  
*Rev. Carmen Vale Ramos*  
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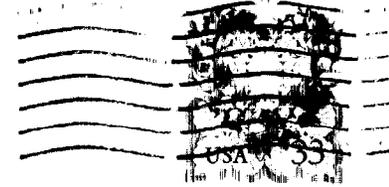
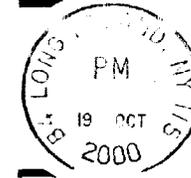
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