

From: Farm Sanctuary [REDACTED]
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Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 2:28 PM
To: AGSEC - OES
Subject: Stop Cruelty to Downed Farm Animals

Jul 21, 2015

Secretary of Agriculture Thomas Vilsack
Suite 308
401 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001-2637

Dear Secretary of Agriculture Vilsack,

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I implore you to use your authority to protect downed cows as the downed cattle rule intends, and extend these same crucial protections to suffering pigs by granting Farm Sanctuary's Rulemaking Petition, number 14-02.

Sincerely,

Mr. Amy Padre
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Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2015 1:57 PM

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Miss Stephanie Weinstein
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From: [Farm Sanctuary](#) on behalf of [Krysta Vollbrecht](#)
To: [AGSEC - OES](#)
Subject: STOP ANIMAL CRUELTY--GRANT USDA FSIS PETITION 14-02
Date: Friday, April 10, 2015 4:34:00 PM

Apr 10, 2015

Secretary Thomas Vilsack
Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, Room 200-A
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Vilsack,

Thank you for closing the loophole that allowed sick and injured cattle to be slaughtered and put into the human food supply. Your action is preventing untold cruelty and suffering for countless cows and helping to protect American consumers.

Unfortunately, hundreds of thousands of innocent pigs still face intolerable abuse when they become too ill or injured to walk, a result of the abuse they endure in massive animal agribusiness operations. Each year, thousands of animals are pushed beyond their physical limits by intensive farming practices, becoming what the industry calls "downed." These vulnerable animals are often beaten or even shocked with electric prods to force them onto slaughterhouse kill floors.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture should apply the rule you enacted for adult cattle to all livestock, including pigs, by granting USDA FSIS Petition 14-02. I urge you to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to swiftly extend the downed cattle rule to all animals who are so sick or injured that they can't even walk.

Sincerely,

Ms. Krysta Vollbrecht



From: [Farm Sanctuary](#) on behalf of [Kirk Watson](#)
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Subject: STOP ANIMAL CRUELTY--GRANT USDA FSIS PETITION 14-02
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From: [Farm Sanctuary](#) on behalf of [Amy Padre](#)
To: [AGSEC - OES](#)
Subject: STOP ANIMAL CRUELTY--GRANT USDA FSIS PETITION 14-02
Date: Friday, April 10, 2015 5:33:48 PM

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