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I am writing you today in regards to docket number 98P-0151/CP1.

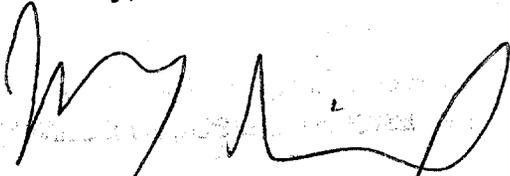
Downed animals should not enter the human food chain. They are obviously sick to some extent, with impaired immune systems, and could pose a serious risk to human health.

Downed animals suffer enormously at slaughterhouses. They are pushed or pulled with machinery and chains causing numerous injuries including abrasions and broken bones. They are often left all day and sometimes overnight where they have fallen with no water or shade in any and all weather conditions. This is obviously inhumane treatment with much unnecessary suffering.

Downed animals represent a very small percent of animals sent to slaughter and so they represent a very small profit. Prohibiting the slaughter of downed animals will not cause any financial hardship to producers. Most downed animals could be prevented by proper care. Perhaps this small profit loss will push producers to treat their animals more humanely.

Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

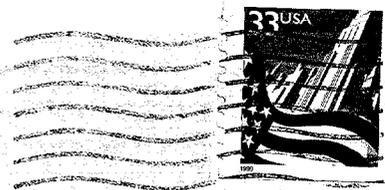


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Unseen
They Suffer

Unheard
They Cry

In Agony
They Linger

In Loneliness
They Die



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