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Dear U.S. F.D.A. 77 Poultry Management Branch,

I am writing to urge you to grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals - docket number 98P-0151/CP1.

The petition is invaluable because
1) Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand shouldn't be allowed to enter the human food chain.
2) There's evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE, a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness, CJD.
3) It is near impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they're typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones and torn ligaments
4) Downed animals comprise a small % of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.
5) Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented w/better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the industry to prevent this from happening at all.

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Please do everything in your power to stop this animal cruelty and risk to human health.

Sincerely, Dani Dennenberg

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