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Dear Sirs:

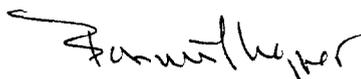
I urge you to grant the petition (docket #98P-0151/CP1) which prohibits the slaughter of downed animals.

Because the very fact that they are downers may suggest that they are ill and contaminated, it is inconceivable that these animals are marketed along with healthy animals and are permitted to enter our human food chain. This all aside from the inhumane aspect of the treatment of these animals.

I realize that the downers might not be sick, but injured. Also to be considered is the possibility that the very treatment of animals to cause them injury and become downers would be greatly lessened, were it no longer permitted that they be sold. The most effective incentive to prevent downed animals might be the economic factor.

Thank you for your support of docket #98P-0151/CP1.

Sincerely,



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