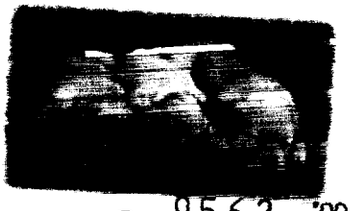

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Dear Sir,

Please grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals - docket number 98P-0151/CP1. Animals who are too sick or injured to even stand should not be allowed to to enter the human food chain. It is almost impossible to move a downed animal humanly, they are usually pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones, torn ligaments. Downed animals make up a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their marketing

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will cause no undue economic hardship. Experts in the industry have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care & handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place. There is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy) or "Mad Cow disease) a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness "Creutzfeldt - Jakob Disease".

Have a heart please, grant the petition for our sake and the animals.

Thank you

Sincerely

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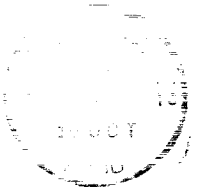

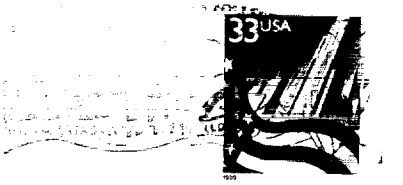

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