October 16, 2000

Dear V.S.D.A.,

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I am writing to urge you to grant the Farm Sanctuary petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals - docket # 98P-0151/CP1. Animals that are to injured or sick should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. Some animals may be afflicted with a form BSE, or Mad Cow Disease, a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness. (CJD disease) Animals who are injured or to sick are usually moved with tractors or dragged with chains - This is such an inhumane way to move them. It causes more injuries such as bruises, abrasions, broken bones or torn ligments. Please do something to end this suffering. Industry experts say that "90% of down animals can be prevented, with better care & handling. Removing the market for downed animals, will give the incentive for the industry to prevent downed animals to begin with.

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Again - please help these poor animals and also help to stop people from getting sick.

Sincerely
Barbara Bronker

"A dark-brown calf laid outside in the corner of the loading dock. I walked up to the calf to see if he was alive, he appeared lifeless, he didn't move at all, seemed comatose. His breathing was very short, his eyes were glazed over, and he was very cold."

—Farm Sanctuary rescuer

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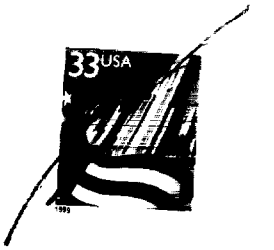

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