

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER TO URGE YOU TO GRANT THE PETITION TO PROHIBIT THE
SLAUGHTER OF DOWNED ANIMALS-DOCKET#98p-0151/cp1. 9649 '00 OCT 25 10:04
INDUSTRY EXPERTS HAVE ESTIMATED

THAT 90% OF DOWNED ANIMALS CAN BE PREVENTED WITH BETTER CARE AND HANDLING. REMOVING THE
MARKET FOR DOWNED ANIMALS WILL PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR THE INDUSTRY TO PREVENT
DOWNED ANIMALS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

IT IS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO MOVE DOWNED ANIMALS HUMANELY.

DOWNED ANIMALS COMPRISE A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED, AND
PROHIBITING THEIR MARKETING WILL CAUSE NO UNDUE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP.

ANIMALS WHO ARE TOO SICK OR INJURED EVEN TO STAND SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO
ENTER THE HUMAN FOOD CHAIN.

THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SOME DOWNED ANIMALS MAY BE AFFLICTED WITH A FORM
OF BSE OR "MAD COW DISEASE", THIS HAS BEEN LINKED TO FATAL HUMAN ILLNESS.

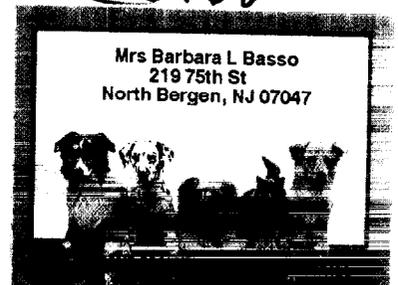
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION IN THIS VERY SAD MATTER.

SINCERELY,

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