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Dockets Management Branch  
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20785

Re: Docket # 98P-0151/CP1

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter to ask you to PLEASE grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

While I realize you have many tough decisions to make, I would hope that this practice is offensive to almost anyone. Animals who are too sick to stand should not be allowed to enter our food chain.

Since it is practically impossible to move downed animals humanely( which doesn't even seem to be a consideration). They are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains. WHERE ARE WE AS A SOCIETY????

Ghandi said "My life is my message". What kind of message are we sending by ignoring such abuse? Animal farming today has become ruthless, and then we wonder why our kids have no sense of reverence - why they shoot each other.

I ask for you to please take this matter into consideration.

Sincerely,

*Barbara Klunga*

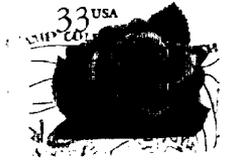
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