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U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Docket Management Branch
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20785
Docket # 98P-0151/CP1

Dear FDA:

The FDA should prohibit the slaughter of animals that are too sick or injured to stand. Slaughtering these animals increases the level of bacterial contamination in the human food supply. It is also cruel. Industry experts have estimated that in 90% of cases, proper care could keep these animals from becoming so debilitated. Removing the market for downed animals would force the slaughterhouses to provide decent care for animals.

Thank you for your time and attention. I hope you will act promptly on the above docket.

Sincerely,



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