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Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to urge the US FDA to grant the Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals (Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1). There are several reasons why this petition should be granted:

1. **Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.**
2. In addition to posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that **some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Mad Cow Disease)**, a disease that has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD).
3. **It is practically impossible to move downed animals humanely**, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains – inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones and torn ligaments.
4. Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and **prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.**
5. 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.**

For these reasons, I ask that this petition be granted. I would like to be informed as to the outcome of this petition. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,



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