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I'm writing about the "downed animals" problem.

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On the first place the way these animals are treated is cruel beyond words and secondly they should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. There is an increased risk of bacterial contamination. Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

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.

I truly wish the general public could see how these animals are treated and the risk to their health

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(the consumer) this poses. 2.
Can't you do something about this?!!

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