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Dear Sirs:

I am writing in support of the discontinuation of downed animals for slaughter Docket # 98P-0151/CP1.

These animals have suffered enough already. They should not be allowed to enter the food chain. There is an increased risk for bacterial contamination & even the possibility of some being injected with "Mad Cow Disease".

The humane issues are dramatic - these animals are in pain & suffering through this process. Then they are inhumanely dragged with chains or pushed with tractors, suffering further.

It has been shown that approximately 90% of downed animals could be eliminated with better care & handling. Taking them out of the market is an incentive for better care & preventing downed animals in the first place.

Please grant this petition!

Sincerely,

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