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Gentlemen:

This letter is to strongly urge you to grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

The docket number in the above matter is 98P-0151/CP1.

I consider the treatment of downed animals as a very very inhumane and cruel treatment of food animals by the stockyards and slaughter houses.

Also, the filth and disease germs generated by the above treatment

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of food animals is a very very hazardous disregard of my health and that of all other human beings.

Again grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Sincerely yours,
Barbara Freeman

URGENT ACTION NEEDED

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Gentlemen: I agree 100% with Farm Sanctuary on "Downers". Barbara Keenan

Speak out NOW for farm animals!

- Downed animals – animals too sick even to stand – are commonly left to suffer for hours or days without receiving food, water, or veterinary care, and in many instances, they die of neglect.
- They are dragged to slaughter with chains or pushed with tractors and forklifts – inhumane methods that cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.
- Downed animals who survive handling and transportation are typically *slaughtered for human food.*
- In addition to causing intolerable animal suffering, the slaughter and marketing of downed animals poses a risk to human health.

Your help is urgently needed to stop the downed animal trade!

The USDA recently reviewed and revised its policy regarding the purchase of ground beef for the National School Lunch Program and other federal food and nutrition programs, and it has taken a major step in the direction of ending the downed animal trade. According to an agency statement, "USDA will no longer accept ground beef that includes product from non-ambulatory cattle, commonly known as 'downers.' Carcasses originating from cattle (that are disabled) ... must be segregated to assure that the product from these carcasses is not included in the USDA purchased beef."

This development shows a growing consensus – even among industry and government officials – that the marketing and slaughter of downed animals causes intense animal suffering and poses an unnecessary health risk.

Letters needed to END downed animal trade:

Now is the time for concerned citizens to write to the Food and Drug Administration to urge that they grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. It is critical that you include the docket number in your letter: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1.

Please write to:

U.S. Food and Drug Administration
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Or send your comments by:

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