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Dear Sir:

I am writing to you in reference to the prohibition of the slaughter of downed animals - docket #. 98P-0151-CP1.

Although not a vegetarian, I greatly wish to see those animals whose lives are sacrificed to perpetuate human existence are treated humanely.

The most glaring fact seems to be that the downed animal situation can be prevented almost completely by better care and handling. In short, money rules. Since these animals give their lives for us, can't we do far better by them?

Since downed animals comprise only a small percentage of animals sacrificed, there in fact is no undue economic hardship on the part of the shippers; only slightly more attention to the care of the animals can solve the problem.

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I write to you that in your position

of authority in this matter, that you may be able to help bring about compassion for these animals, if only through legal means rather than an appeal to sensitivity.

By preventing the slaughter of downed animals, the incentive is put into place to treat these animals more humanely to prevent the occurrence of downed animals in the first place. Please use your authority to help to prevent needless suffering to these animals. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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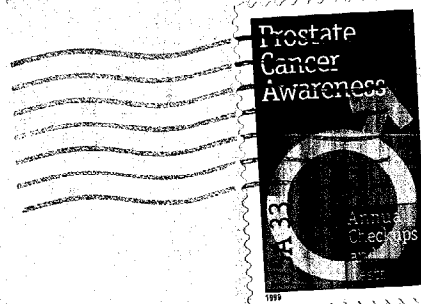


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