Docket# 98P-0151/CP1

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To Whom it May Concern-

End the slaughter of downed animals!

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-Those animals to sick or injured to stand must not get into the human food chain.

-The industry says improved care + handling could prevent 90% of downed animals (no market for downers = incentive to treat the animals better)

-Downed animals pose an increased risk for bacterial contamination: including "Mad Cow Disease"

-Downed animals are a small percentage of animals slaughtered; prohibiting their marketing will not create an economic hardship.

-Downed animals are nearly impossible to move

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humanely. Usually they're pushed with tractors, dragged with chains - causing more bruising, bone breaks, torn muscles + ligaments

Downed animals in the slaughter yards have already suffered illness and/or injury, been stepped on, kicked hit, dragged or worse. The USDA has a no downers policy for the school lunch program.

Please grant Farm Sanctuary's petition docket #98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Sincerely

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