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

1. Animals register all physiological signs indicating pain and stress that a human being does: elevated blood pressure, dilated pupils, increased heart rate, frantic movements, lethargy, depression. They are sentient and aware – to refuse assistance or to slaughter such a helplessly suffering animal is cruel beyond all human measure.
2. To inhumanely discard a living animal because it no longer has economic merit is no different than the feudal practice of Chinese peasants to inhumanely discard a female baby because it has no economic merit. Suffering is suffering, regardless of the species.
3. We recognize the poison in a human body when it becomes ill and diseased. It is not healthy! Why would similarly diseased animals be included in foods for human consumption? I do not eat poison and do not feed it to my family or friends.
4. I was raised on a farm where we ate our own beef, lamb and chicken. My father was an intelligent man – he never used diseased or ill animals for consumption. Neither would he sell it on the market. Even in years when drought caused us extreme financial hardships, he would not compromise on this. His integrity is an example for the entire industry.

We must stop this practice of the downed animal trade immediately!

Thank you for your recent efforts toward revising federal food and nutrition programs in order to create healthier environments for both animal and human populations.

Sincerely,

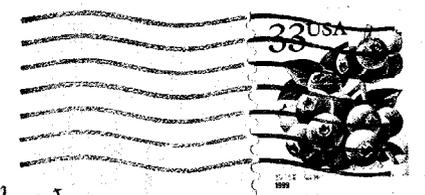
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