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To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to you to ask that you cause Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals, on docket number 98P-0151/CP1, to become reality.

Now then I know that human beings in this world are not going to stop eating animal meat just because animals experience the same feelings of pain (during the slaughtering process) that people can feel. The exception to this statement perhaps though, might be the people in the country of India. I understand that there cows are generally not slaughtered for human consumption because they are considered to be sacred beings. Although I don't personally share this belief, I do strongly feel that animals that are going to be slaughtered for human consumption **should be mandated by law to be treated humanly all during the slaughtering process from inception to completion during the herding, transportation and finally, the killing process !!!** There should be stiff fines and penalties against anyone or any organization that does not obey such legislation.

The people working in the meat slaughtering and processing industries in the United States need to have a level of understanding about the physical pain that an animal feels when it is mistreated through inhumane and uncaring herding, transportation, and slaughtering procedures **and there is no better way to increase their awareness level of animal pain and suffering than through mandated legislation !** There are also human health risk possibilities posed from processing "downed animals" that the corporate leaders of the meat processing industry do not want to consider because of their desire for financial profit whose chief sponsor is ego and greed !

Bottom line: How many of us enjoy physical bruises, abrasions, broken bones, torn ligaments, etc. etc. which are just some of the things that "downed animals" experience ???

I encourage you to adopt legislation that both morally and financially motivates both the farmers as well as the processors of all animals that are going to be used for human consumption to be **highly concerned** about the physical well being of each and every animal that is under their care, at any point in time.

We've all got to eat these animals But we don't have to mistreat them during any phase of the food preparation process !

May I please hear from you regarding this request and my comments ?

Regards,

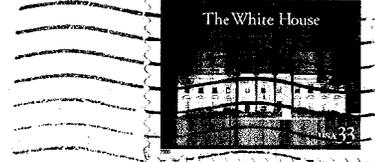

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