Dear Sir,

I am writing to you about DOWNED ANIMALS - DOCKET # 98P-0151/CP1. Animals

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that are too sick or injured to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. In addition to posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy - mad cow disease) a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD - Cruetzfeldt - Jacob - Disease) It is practically impossible to move downed animals humanly and they are horribly abused they are typically pused with tractors - or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligiments

Downed animals make up a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship. Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handeling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place. Act now - Take care of this issue. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. Respond ASAP C2823

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