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Dear FDA:

It has come to my attention that a petition has been submitted by Farm Sanctuary to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. I write this letter to request that you urgently grant this important petition.

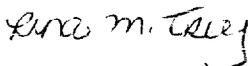
The slaughter of downed animals raises important health and humane issues. The health issues alone should warrant your granting this petition, however, at least as important is the issue of humane treatment of these animals. Due to their large weight and size, it is routine for these downed animals to be dragged or pushed with tractors, causing enormous pain and suffering to the animals.

The FDA has an opportunity to correct this wrong. Although we slaughter these animals for our food and clothing, we as a civilized society are in the charge of these creatures. We have a duty to treat these animals humanely with the least amount of pain and suffering. We must realize that these creatures feel the same pain and anguish, as humans would feel in the face of such stimuli.

Additionally, industry experts estimate 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. If the market for downed animals is removed, it will provide an incentive for the industry to exercise preventative measures, for their own benefit, and thereby benefit these creatures.

Although I use animal products such as leather and eat meat, I am greatly concerned that these animals are treated with the utmost humane care before they are slaughtered. Therefore, I strongly urge you to grant the Farm Sanctuary's petition.

Sincerely,

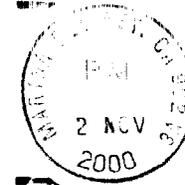


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