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Dear FDA

I am writing to urge you to grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animal - docket number 98P-0151/CP1.

These animal are too sick or injured to even stand and should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. Furthermore there is evidence that some downed may be afflicted with Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

Downed Animal comprise a very small percentage of animal slaughtered so prohibiting their marketing will cause no economic hardship.

Downed animal are typically pushed by tractors or dragged by chains. These

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inhumane practices are deplorable and should not be allowed.

Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Please support docket number 98P-0151/CP1.

Thank You.

Sincerely
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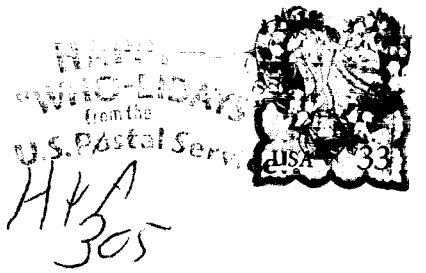

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