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Downed animals should be prohibited from slaughter for commercial use because of the inhumane and intense suffering they endure.

It is imperative that you grant Farm Sanctuary's Petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for the following reasons going beyond even humane.

(1) Animals too sick to stand should not be allowed in the humane food chain.

(2) Besides possible bacterial contamination downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE.

(3) There would be no economic hardship because percent of downed animal is small.

(4) 90% of downed animals can be prevented by better care and handling according to industry experts.

I urge you to immediately end the torturous downed animal trade.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

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