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US Food & Drug
Dockets Mgmt Branch
5600 Fishers Lane Rm 1061
Rockville, MD 20785

Dear F&D:

Regarding docket number 98P-0151/CP1.
Prohibiting the slaughter of Downed animals.

Please grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for the following reasons.

1. Downed animals comprise of a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.
2. Bacterial infection along with evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (MAD Cow Disease) a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD Creutzfeldt Jakob Disease)
3. It is practically impossible to move animals humanely and they are typically pushed with tractors or

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dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries from bruises, abrasions, broken bones & torn ligaments.

I humanely urge you to prohibit the use of these sick & injured animals to be used as food.

Please write back to give me your position. Thank you

Sincerely,

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