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Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the industry to take better care and prevent downed animals in the first place.

I am hoping for your support to stop this practice - as a physician I find it appalling.

Thank-you

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I am writing this letter to urge you to grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals — docket # 98P-0151/CP1.

Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship. Animals that are too sick or injured to stand should not be allowed to enter the food chain. They pose an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there certainly exists some evidence that the downed animal may be afflicted with a form of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease".

It is not only a health & safety issue but the practical method of moving an incapacitated animal humanely is also an issue. Because the animal cannot stand they are often pushed with tractors or dragged with chains increasing their suffering.