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Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1  
To: Dockets Management Branch

I am writing to you today to urge that you grant our petition (Farm Sanctuary) to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals – docket number 98P-0151 / CP1.

Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should NOT be allowed to enter the human food chain. In addition to posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or “mad Cow Disease”), a disease which has been linked to fatal human illness, ( CJD or Creutzfeldt – Jakob Disease)

It is practically impossible to move downed animals “humanely”, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains or beaten with canes and electrically prodded....all inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises, abrasions, broken bones, and torn ligaments. It is my personal opinion that stock yard workers who inflict such treatment to animals should themselves be dealt with accordingly by the law....but that is another issue.

Downed animals comprise of a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, therefor prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

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 prevent downed animals in the first place.

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