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To whom it concerns at the Food and Drug Administration Dockets Management Branch

I am writing you to enter a plea for you to help stop the slaughter of downed animals. These animals meat imposes a risk for bacterial contamination. However, despite the health risk to the human population, the biggest reason that I implore you to grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals (docket # 98P-0151/cp1) is to remove the market for these poor downed animals.

By removing the market for downed animals, it would provide incentive for the industry to give better care and handling before animals got to that point.

As industry experts have estimated, 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling, thus it seems to make sense, that if handlers didn't have a market to go to with the downers, that they would take better care of them from the onset.

As human beings, we owe it to all animals to treat them as well as possible before we eat them.

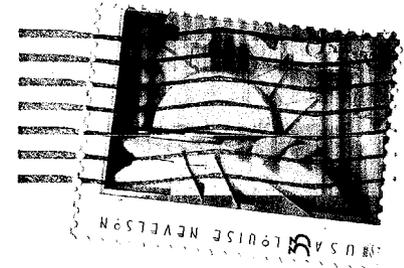
Thank you for your support, and for hearing me out.

Sincerely,

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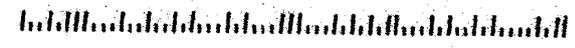
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