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To the Commissioner:

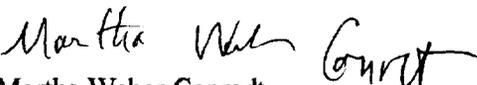
I am writing to urge approval of Docket Number 98P-0151/CPI, which calls for banning the use of downed animals in the human food supply. Please consider these facts:

- Downed animals - animals too sick even to stand - are commonly left to suffer for hours or days without receiving food, water or care - and in many cases they die of neglect.
- Downed animals who survive this abuse typically are slaughtered for human food, being dragged to slaughter with chains or pushed with tractors or forklifts. These inhumane methods cause injuries ranging from bruises to broken bones and torn ligaments.
- In addition to this intolerable animal suffering, these actions pose a risk to human health.

YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STOP THE DOWNED ANIMAL TRADE. PLEASE HELP THE ANIMALS - AND HUMANS -- BY PROHIBITING THE SLAUGHTER OF DOWNED ANIMALS FOR HUMAN FOOD.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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