Re: docket # 98P-0151/CP1

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Dear Sirs:

I am writing concerning 98P-0151/CP1. I am urging that you grant this petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain, they may be afflicted with BSE and at the very least offer an increased risk for bacterial contamination.

I have read that industry experts estimate that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Thus removing the market for downed animals would, hopefully, provide an incentive for the industry to prevent

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downed animals in the first place.

Thank you for your time -

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