To who it may concern:
Regarding
docket # 98P-0151/CP1

I am passionately in support of this petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals

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

I am appalled at the methods used

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to move downed animals using tractors with chains is not an humane method of treatment.

There is also a greater risk of disease, including bacterial contamination such as BSE or "mad cow disease" when allowing such as injured animals to enter the food chain.

Also, downed animals comprise a very small % of animals slaughtered.

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Therefore, prohibiting their use will not cause undue economic hardship.

Finally, I support any legislation which ensures the humane treatment of animals to be slaughtered. There is no satisfaction in eating meat from animals that are diseased, or killed while conscious.

Thank you,

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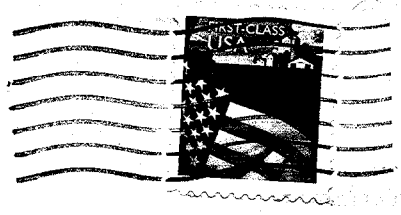

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