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Re: Docket #98P-0151/CP1

I urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit slaughter of downed animals.

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 downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease", which has been linked to a fatal human illness CJD (Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease).

It is not possible to humanely move downed animals who are often pushed with tractors and dragged with chains causing cuts + broken bones.

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

Industry experts estimate 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to the industry to prevent downed animals!

Sincerely,

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