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Dockets Management Branch  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket Number: 98P-0151/CP1

I am writing to urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 prohibiting the slaughter of downed animals. Please realize the suffering you will be preventing.

Animals who are too sick or injured to stand or move definitely should not be allowed to enter the food chain. They pose many risks, such as bacterial contamination and even Mad Cow Disease (a disease linked to fatal human illness).

Downed cows cannot be moved humanely. Typically they are dragged with chains or pushed with tractors. Downed animals actually comprise a small percentage of the animals slaughtered; prohibiting their marketing would cause no undue economic hardship.

Surely you are compassionate and caring enough to take this small step to prevent immeasurable pain and suffering. Stop the downed animal trade! It is the least you can do.

Sincerely,



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