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Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is in reference to Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1, prohibiting the slaughter of downed animals.

As a concerned citizen, mother and teacher's aide I would like to see the slaughter of downed animals stopped. There are health concerns such as risk of bacterial contamination, "Mad Cow Disease" and these animals should not enter the human food chain.

These animals are not moved humanely but pushed with tractors or dragged with chains causing harsh injuries.

Because this is a small percentage of animals slaughtered, downed animals not marketed & killed will not cause economic hardship.

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With better care & handling 90% of downed animals can be prevented. Removing the market for downed animals will provide industry incentive to prevent downed animals in the first place.

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Thank you for your time & understanding.

Yours truly,
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