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Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Gentlemen:

As humane consumers and parents of an eight year old child we are very concerned with the USDA policy to stop purchasing meat from "downed" cows for federal programs, including the National School Lunch program.

Please grant the above-referenced petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. This is necessary and urgent considering the following:

1. Injured/sick animals should never enter the human food chain; risks to health

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include bacterial contamination, "Mad Cow" and other [redacted] serious diseases.

2. Downed animals are routinely denied humane treatment during the transport-slaughter process.

3. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in general.

Thank you very much for your immediate attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely yours,
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