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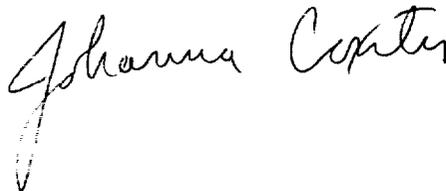
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Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Eating downed animals is not worth the risk to human health. You are responsible for the well being of the citizens of this country. Why would you want to take a chance on hurting or killing anyone? If animals are too sick or injured to be able to walk to the slaughterhouse, then doesn't common sense dictate that we should not drag them there? What if they have mad cow disease? Or salmonella? A friend of mine died of encephalitis. Who knows how he got it? Besides, owners would have more incentive to take better care of their animals if they couldn't drag them to be sold. Please do the responsible thing. Do not allow downed animals to be sold.

Thank you,
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