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U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
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5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

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RE: Docket # 98P-0151/CPI

Dear U.S. Food and Drug Administration;

I am writing to you in regard to the above mentioned docket number, concerning the slaughter and marketing of non-ambulatory, or "downed animals". It would be deceitful of me to ask your consideration because of a primary concern of the "wholesomeness" of the meat taken from those particular animals. I am not a meat eater and my primary focus is on the humane treatment of the downed animals themselves.

"Downed" animals are, as you know, those animals that are too sick or injured to move through the slaughterhouse for their eventual murder. The animals are dragged by chains or moved by bulldozers in order to facilitate the slaughtering process. **Although this slaughtering process is not quick, easy or painless, imagine how much more horrible it is for the animals who are already in agony because of broken bones or illness.**

Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place. **These animals have a terrible lot in life, I am sure you would not want to trade your place with one of them; the least you can do is to employ methods preventing any more suffering than what they will endure to satisfy the taste for their flesh.**

Please consider the plight of these downed animals, and do all you can to keep them from unnecessary misery. **Please see that these animals are euthanized at stockyards and kept from further suffering in the slaughterhouse.**

For the Animals,  
Sincerely,

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