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To Whom It May Concern!

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I am writing you in reference to Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1, which would prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. I urge you to support this measure on humanitarian grounds and from an obvious health standpoint. There is evidence that some downed animals may suffer from a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"), which is neither appetizing or healthy for humans.

As downers comprise only a tiny percentage of slaughtered animals, there is minimal threat to the profit motive. A happy consequence of removing the market for downers is that there will be an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place, a win win situation.

Again, please support petition 98P-0151/CP1.

Sincerely,

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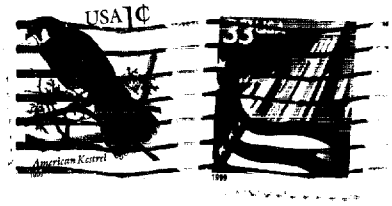

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