

Denise Tate
P.O. Box 5211
Bend, OR 97708

9671 '01 FEB -5 110:38

January 26, 2001

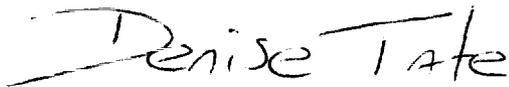
U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request that you grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for food, docket number 98P-0151/CP1. I have grave concerns regarding the slaughter of downed animals, because of the health problems such as bacterial contamination, and the possibility of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy. Not only am I concerned for human safety issues, but also for the inhumane treatment of the downed animals on the way to slaughter. Over all, my customer base at the grocery store where I work, overwhelmingly is committed to a better life for the animals, and safety in the meats they purchase. I implore you to grant this petition, and improve meat industry standards.

I would appreciate a response to my letter, with any pending decisions in this matter.

Sincerely,



Denise Tate
Gourmet Food Manager
Rudy's Markets, Bend OR

98P-0151

C 3823

Dense Talk
P.O. Box 5211
Bend OR 97708



US Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

