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RE: Docket No. 98P-0151/CPI

I am writing to ask that you grant Petition 98P-0151/CPI to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. Besides posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE, a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness (CID). As downed animals are impossible to move humanely, they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, both inhumane practices.

Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place as it is estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling.

I ask that you please grant Petition 98P-0151/CPI.

Sincerely  
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