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Wilmington, Delaware 19801

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PETITION 98P-0151/CPI

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U. S. Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852
FAX: 301-827-6870

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are begging you to put a stop to the slaughter of downed animals for our food. These animals are injured or sick and could be afflicted with BSE, "Mad Cow Disease."

A political upheaval in Germany is now taking place because BSE has become an epidemic. Are we going to wait until this happens in the U.S.A.? Every day our radio news tells of children in the U.S.A. dying of E-Coli after eating diseased meat.

The broken bones and torn ligaments suffered by these downers when dragged by chains and pushed by tractors can be prevented by exercising better handling and care by the farmer and shipper.

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

Please protect us from disease and grant petition 98P-0151/CPI which prohibits the slaughter of downed animals.

Sincerely,



Maureen J. Caron