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Dear U.S.D.A. -

In this letter I am referring to Docket # 98P-0151/CP1 which deals with the issue of prohibiting the slaughter of downed animals.

Animals too sick or injured to even stand should never enter the human food market! They could be infected with "MAD Cow Disease". Downed animals CANNOT be moved humanely and suffer even more as they are dragged or pushed. There are not so many downed animals as to prohibit an economic hardship for companies. This protection is not only good, fair and decent for the injured or sick animal it is a necessity to human health with such outbreaks of mad cow disease.

Thank You —

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