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To whom it may concern:
I am writing this letter to persuade you to grant the petitions to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

I don't think animals who are too sick or injured should be allowed to enter the food chain.

In addition to posing an increased risk of bacterial contamination there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE "or mad cow disease" a disease which has been linked to ~~human~~ a fatal human illness (CJD)

They can't even move these poor downed animals humanely, & they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged w/ chains that causes injuries such as bruises & abrasions to broken bones & torn ligaments

Downed animals compromise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, prohibiting their marketing will do no economic hardship.

90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care & handling removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place

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After all when our kids are sick do we throw them away & treat them like garbage →

no, so lets not do it to
animals who are suffering.

Thank you
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