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SENT BY FAX TO 301-827-6870

RE: Docket Number 98P-0151/CPI

Dear Representative:

As you are well aware, the marketing and slaughter of downed animals is unacceptable, and the downed animal trade must be stopped. I urge you to grant Petition 98P-0151/CPI to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals, inasmuch as sick animals should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

In addition to the increased risk for bacterial contamination, I am concerned with BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy), which has been linked to human deaths due to Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease. Also, the inhumane treatment that downed animals suffer is appalling, and since the downed animals comprise a small percentage of the animals slaughtered, the prohibition of their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship. By removing the market for downed animals, the industry will have an incentive to prevent downed animals in the first place with better care and handling.

Again, I respectfully request that you grant Petition 98P-0151/CPI.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Shannon R. Robinson

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