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Re: Docket #98P-0151/CPI

Gentlemen\Ladies:

I was pleased to learn that the USDA announced last year that it would stop purchasing meat from downed cows for Federal programs, including the National School Lunch Program. This letter is to urge you prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for any purpose.

With the very real threat of Mad Cow Disease, it is Russian roulette to allow animals too sick to stand to be slaughtered for human or animal consumption.

It is the FDA's responsibility to protect Americans from such dangers.

Sincerely yours,

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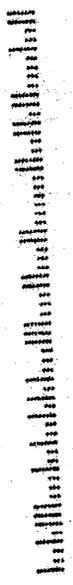
*PS The USDA makes some very puzzling decisions,  
I wonder this is one. If it's too dangerous for  
people in Federal programs to eat meat  
from downed cows, why isn't it too dangerous  
for the rest of us? As usual the USDA is  
protecting industries it is supposed to monitor,  
Do we have the fox guarding (protecting) the hens?  
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