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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to ask that you please grant **petition 98P-0151/CPI** to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

It is impossible to move^d downed animals humanely; they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, inhumane practices which cause injuries, such as bruises, cuts, broken bones, and torn ligaments.

Besides being extremely cruel for the animals, using downed animals for food is bad for human health as well. Cows, pigs, sheep, and other creatures too sick or injured even to stand should not enter the food chain.

Downed animals comprise a small percentage of animals slaughtered, so prohibiting their marketing will not cause economic hardship. Downers can be prevented with better care and handling, so removing the market for these animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

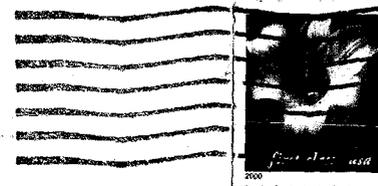

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