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RE: Docket #98P-0151/CP1

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

I'm writing to ask that you act on docket number 98P-0151/CP1, which prevents the sale and use of downed animals (injured and diseased animals that cannot stand) for human food. This practice obviously poses a danger to human health, as well as being cruel and inhumane treatment of sick and injured animals. Clearly, this petition is required to improve the safety of the human food supply. Furthermore, the proportion of downed animals is small enough that ending this practice will not cause economic hardship for those in the livestock slaughter and trade. And finally, prohibiting the practice of selling downed animals will provide an incentive to provide better care and treatment for the animals in the first place. I urge you to grant the petition.

Thank you.

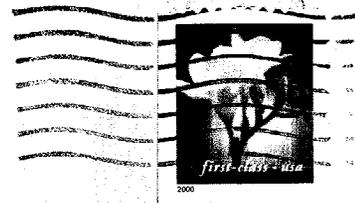
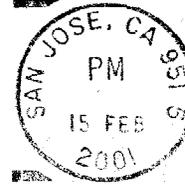
Sincerely,


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