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US Food & Drug Administration  
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RE: Docket #: 98P-0151/CP1

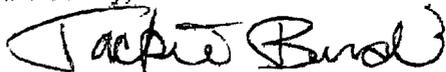
Dear USDA:

I am writing to you today in regard to the above policy Docket# 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals who are too sick to even stand up pose a health threat and should not be allowed to enter the food chain.

It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, so they are usually pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, both of which are horrible processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments. Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their marketing will not cause any undue economic hardship.

I urge you to please grant this petition and put an end to the slaughtering of downed animals for good. Thank you for your time and for reading my letter today.

Sincerely,



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