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RE: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

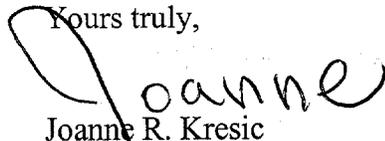
Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to you to urge you to grant the above petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals and thus help stop the downed animal trade. I feel strongly about this not only because I am devastated at the way these gentle and sentient creatures are treated, but because of the following reasons:

- Animals who are too sick or injured to stand should not enter the human food chain.
- There is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of SBE or Mad Cow Disease.
- It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains.
- Prohibiting their marketing will not cause undo economic hardship as downed animals are a very small percentage of animals slaughtered.
- Industry experts have estimated the 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Many thanks for your kindness in considering this and granting petition 98P-0151/CP1.

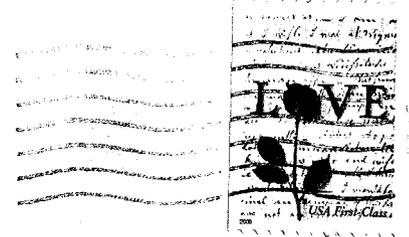
For the animals,
Yours truly,


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