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Dear Dockets Management Branch;

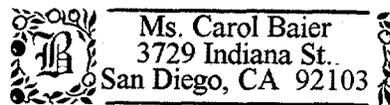
I am writing in order to urge the FDA to grant petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Specifically docket number 98P-0151/CP1.

Animals which are too sick or injured should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. In addition to possible bacterial contamination, there is evidence some downed animals may be afflicted with BSE. Downed animals cannot be moved humanely, further injuring the animals. Downed animals make up only a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and will not cause undue hardship economically to the marketers. Industry experts estimate that up to 90% of downed animals can be prevented by better care and handling.

I hope to hear that the FDA intends to respond in a favorable manner to this petition.

Sincerely,



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