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Dear FDA officials,

The slaughter and marketing of downed animals is unacceptable for many reasons. You can stop it by granting petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit this practice.

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The livestock industry feels that by removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

All animals are living beings, as are people. They feel pain, joy, lonliness, fear as I do. They deserve to be cared for with compassion and care to prevent the problems which would cause them to be classified as downers.

"Factory" farming of animals has degraded the picture of the happy farmer & his well cared for animals. It shouldn't be allowed to continue.

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