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Dear Madams/Sirs:

Please refer to Docket # 98P-0151/CP1. I strongly urge the FDA to prohibit the slaughter of downed cattle. The marketing and slaughter of downed animals is unacceptable.

I learned that the USDA will no longer accept hamburger that includes product from non-ambulatory cattle. I am glad that there is a growing consensus in the livestock industry, as well as the government, that downed animals should not be sold and slaughtered.

Thank you for your attention to this. For the record, I am a vegetarian.

Sincerely,



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