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U.S. Food and Drug Administration
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Re: Docket # 98P-0151/CP1

Dear USDA Representative:

Please support the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals, animals too sick or injured to stand. They should not enter the human food chain, due to the increased risk of bacterial contamination, and evidence that some downed cows may even be afflicted with a form of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or "Mad Cow Disease".

There is no humane way to move a downed animal; they are typically dragged with chains, or lifted with a forklift, causing suffering and further injuries.

Sincerely,



Allison Marie Memmo Geiger

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