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Dear U.S.F.D.A.,

The California office of The Fund for Animals urges the granting of petition 98P-0151/CP1, so that the marketing and slaughter of downed animals may be halted.

The public's awareness of agonies suffered by downed animals has been increasing steadily, and many are concerned either for reasons of health or humaneness, or both.

It is greatly encouraging that the U.S.D.A. adopted a policy to stop the purchasing of meat from downed cows for Federal programs. We are now hoping to see further action that will eliminate the market for the animals, by providing a strong incentive to the industry for better handling and care.

Sincerely,

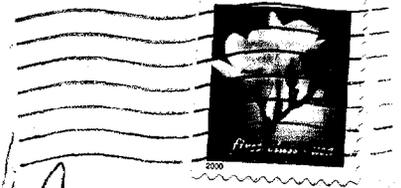
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