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**U.S. Food and Drug Administration**  
Dockets Management Branch  
5630 Fishers Lane  
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Rockville, MD 20852

**Re: Docket No. 98P-0151/CP1**

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing in support of a petition filed by Farm Sanctuary that would prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

"Studies have revealed that most downed animals are fully conscious and suffer intensely during the process. All this, so that companies can make a few extra dollars. In addition to posing an increased risk of bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy or "mad cow disease"), a disease that has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD or Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease)."

"The question is not, can they reason? Nor, can they talk? But, can they suffer?" Jeremy Bentham, philosopher, 1748-1832.

P-L-E-A-S-E, stop this madness !!! I don't ever expect humans to stop eating animals, but I won't stop until they are treated humanely. What's so difficult about making sure the animal is dead before it's skinned or sliced into pieces???????

Until the suffering ends,

Andrea Schwartz

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