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Dear Sir:

I am writing concerning the practice of the livestock industry in selling for consumption by the public of "downed" animals that are slaughtered by the meat processors. These animals are sick and diseased and have God only knows what diseases. Eating of the meat from these sick animals can cause illness in the public.

The slaughter of "downed" animals by the meat industry should be totally prohibited. Once delivered by the farmers these suffering animals are dragged by chains or pushed by tractors around the plants to where they can be slaughtered. It is cruel and completely unnecessary. If the farmers knew that these animals would not be purchased, they would have to take care of them in one way or another on their own farms. At least, they would ~~not be subject to the handling~~ and pain of being hauled and pulled.

Many of these processors will state that they do not accept downed animals but they do. If a law was passed prohibiting this practice, they could be subject to enforcement.

Very truly yours,
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