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Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Animals too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

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Downed animals are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.

Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Thank You,

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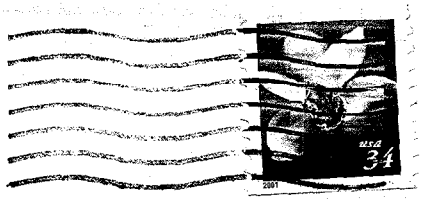

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