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U.S. Food and Drug Administration
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Rockville, MD 20852

Docket number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear FDA,

I support docket number 98P-0151/CP1, the petition filed by Farm Sanctuary to prohibit the slaughter of downed farm animals. These downed animals are shackled, hoisted, and dragged by the leg or neck or pushed by tractors and forklifts to the slaughterhouse. The helpless animals suffer broken bones, torn tendons, and lacerations from this inhumane handling.

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).

Sincerely,

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