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Dear Sir:

I'm writing to urge the Food & Drug Administration to grant petition 98P-0151/CPI to prohibit the <sup>2</sup> slaughter of downed animals.

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Point 1 - Animals who are too sick even to stand pose a health threat and should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

Point 2 - it's impossible to move downed animals humanely and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones & torn ligaments.

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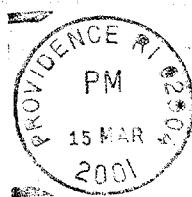
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Point 3 Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

Point 4 - documented abuses at livestock auctions, where day old calves are dragged, beaten, kicked through sales rings or abandoned because their sickness makes them unprofitable.

In this day + age why such atrocities are allowed.

Yours Truly,  
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