I am writing to urge you to grant petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals, Docket #98P-0151/CP1. Please consider the following:

- Animals too sick to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.
- Downed animals increase the risk of bacterial contamination as well as BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy).
- There is no way to move a downed animal humanely. They are routinely dragged with chains and pushed with tractors, leading to broken bones, torn ligaments, and excruciating pain.

Thank you for your time & consideration.

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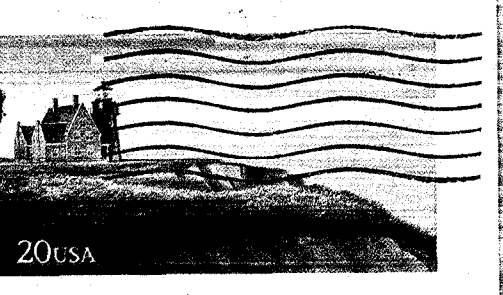

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