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Dockets Management Branch
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Rockville, MD 20852
RE: Docket # 98P-0151/CP1

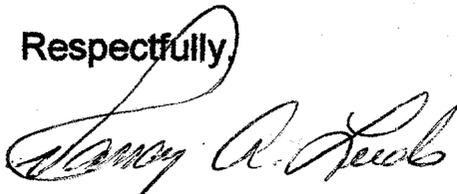
To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to express my full support of Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1. The USDA made a landmark decision last year when they announced that they would "no longer accept ground beef that includes product from non-ambulatory cattle, commonly known as "downers", for Federal programs, including the National School Lunch Program". Now, with this petition to completely prohibit the slaughter of downed animals, the livestock industry will have more of an incentive to treat animals humanely, euthanizing "downed animals" on-farm, and more importantly, preventing the injuries that cause "downed animals" in the first place.

This petition is long overdue so let's do what we can, now, to stop this endless suffering of animals. Support Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

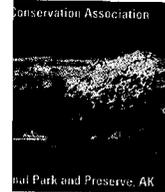
Respectfully,



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