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I'm writing to urge you to grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals - docket #: 98P-0151/CP1.

Animals who are too sick or injured to stand should not be allowed to enter the food chain. This is particularly true in light of the incurable disease BSE.

Additionally, it is essentially impossible to move downed animals humanely, without causing great suffering. This alone should be enough reason for a civilized society to ban this practice, but I will also point out that these animals constitute a small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no

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undue economic hardship. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the industry to prevent this from happening, thus improving the treatment of all animals.

I hope you will give this very important matter careful and serious consideration.

Sincerely,

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