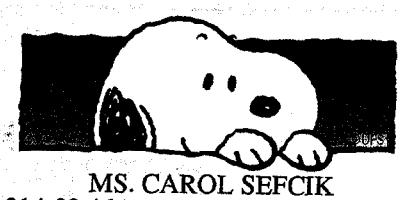

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RE: DOCKET NUMBER 98P-0151/CP1

Gentlemen:

We, the members of the Sefcik family are writing to you to urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

These animals which are too sick or injured to even stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

In addition to posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE or "mad Cow Disease", a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness (~~CJD~~) CJD.

It is 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 and torn ligaments.

Also note industry experts have estimated that 90% percent of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

98P-0151

Please help!!

Sincerely

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