Dear Sir.

I am writing to you to urge you to grant Petition # 98P-0151/CP1. This petition needs to be passed because animals who are that sickly should not be consumed. As we saw with mad cow disease cows can can't will pass illness on to humans. There is evidence that some downed animals can be afflicted with BSE!

Also, it is impossible to move downed animals humanely + pushing them with trucks or dragging them with chains is inconceivable. Downed animals comprise such a small percentage of animals slaughtered that the prohibiting of their marketing would cause no undue economic hardship. Also, experts have estimated 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better handling and care. It is humane to continue to market downed animals + this process should be stopped immediately for the public's safety + our animal's sanctity.

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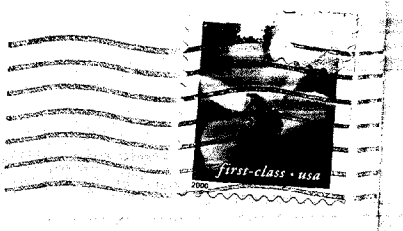

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