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Dear Food and Drug Administration,

I am writing today to urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1, to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. I have just returned from Europe where the news of the day is Mad Cow Disease. There is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy. In the interests of public safety, the slaughter and marketing of downed animals is unacceptable. Furthermore, removing the incentive to market downed animals would encourage the industry to prevent downers with better care and handling.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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