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Dear Sir:

I'm writing to you in reference to DOCKET # 98P-0151/CP1, to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

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Animals that are too sick or injured to stand should not be used for human consumption. It is impossible to humanely move downed animals w/o causing injuries ranging from abrasions to broken bones. There is evidence that some downed animals may have a form of BSE, or "Mad Cow Disease", which has been linked to human fatalities. Industry experts estimate that 90% of downed animals can be prevented w/ better care & handling. Removing the market for these animals will provide an industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

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Since downed animals comprise a small percentage of animals slaughtered, prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

Thank you for granting me this opportunity to express my opinion on this important issue.

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