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Dear Madam or Sir:

I am writing to ask that you grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Animals who are too sick or injured to even stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. It is impossible to move such animals humanely. They are usually pushed with tractors or dragged with chains. Such handling causes injuries ranging from bruises & abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.

Since only a very small percentage of animals are downed prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

There is also evidence that some downed animals in addition to posing an increased risk of bacterial contamination may also be afflicted with a form of "Mad Cow Disease" which can cause fatal human illness.

Last but not least since about 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

So please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 promptly.

Yours truly, C3765

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