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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to strongly urge you to help end the downed animal trade. This is an extremely cruel and dangerous practice in terms of human health, by the meat industry.

Please, I implore you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals who are too sick even to stand pose a health threat and shouldn't be allowed to enter the human food chain.

Equally important is the inherent cruelty imposed on the animals involved. 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.

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

Thank you for your attention. Please end this disgraceful practice by the meat industry.

Sincerely, Adam F. Posey

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