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Dear USDA:

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Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Besides the obvious health risks for humans, the inhumane practice of pushing downed animals with tractors or dragging them with chains is simply not acceptable in modern society. Such animals receive bruises, broken bones & torn ligaments which only adds to further pain & suffering.

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The small percentage of downed animals slaughtered

for market will cause no undue economic hardships.

Better care & handling of animals is the answer in the long run.

Please take steps now to prevent further (human) health risks, & suffering to these downed animals.

Thank You,

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