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I am writing to urge passage of of petition 98 P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

1. In addition to posing an increasing risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be associated with the "MAD COW DISEASE", which has been linked to a fatal human illness (CREUTZFELDT-JAKOB DISEASE).
2. It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.

The health of the population and the welfare of farm animals are at stake. Your cooperation is essential.

Sincerely,

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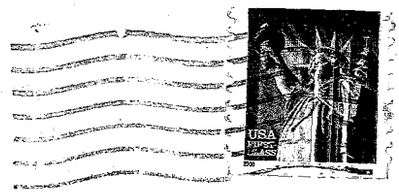

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