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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM WRITING AGAIN TO URGE THE USDA TO GRANT PETITION 98P-0151/CP1 TO PROHIBIT THE SLAUGHTER OF DOWNED ANIMALS. ANIMALS TOO SICK OR INJURED EVEN TO STAND COMPRISE A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED, [illegible] INSTEAD OF BEING HUMANELY EUTHANIZED, THEY ARE MADE TO SUFFER EXTREME ABUSES. SUCH ANIMALS ARE OFTEN LEFT WITHOUT FOOD, WATER OR VETERINARY CARE FOR HOURS OR EVEN DAYS. THEY ARE TYPICALLY MOVED BY BEING PUSHED WITH TRACTORS, DRAGGED WITH CHAINS OR DUMPED, THUS INCREASING THEIR PAIN AND INJURY.

FARM ANIMALS DESERVE HUMANE CONSIDERATION, AND IT IS MY HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACT TO PREVENT THE SUFFERING OF DOWNED ANIMALS.

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