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To whom it may concern,

My name is ALICIA SAILAND WALD. I am a pediatrician in South Florida. I am writing this letter to the FDA to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of Downed animals.

Besides the fact that it is not humanely possible to move downed animals; Downed animals pose an increased risk of bacterial contamination. By using Downed animals we are putting society at risk for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy aka- "Mad Cow Disease."

More importantly the inhumanity these animals have to suffer needlessly is completely unnecessary from an economic standpoint. As they represent such a small percentage of animals slaughtered, prohibiting their marketing poses no economic hardship. Furthermore by removing the market for Downed animals, that will be an incentive to the industry to prevent DOWNED animals in the 1st place.

I repeat Downed animals suffer enough, they Don't need to happen in the 1st place. Let's show a little humanity to our fellow creatures + Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of Downed animals!!!

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