RE: Docket #
98P-0151/CP1

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Dear Sir or Madame: 0605 '01 MAR -7 P2:48

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

Animals that are too sick to stand may pose a health hazard to humans and should not be allowed to enter the food chain. Equally important, from my standpoint, is that downed animals be quickly and humanely euthanized. Too often these creatures experience horrible treatment — dragged by chains or pushed by tractors, then left to die slowly, painfully on a "dead pile". This is intolerable and should be stopped. Stockyard operators and other involved parties should not be allowed to profit from downed animals by selling the meat. In spite of the possible

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claims of "economic hardship", there would be no significant hardship since downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered.

Thank you for your attention.
Please grant petition # 98P-0151/CP1.

Yours truly,
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