Dear US food & Drug Administration

I am writing to URGE your Administration to grant petition 98P-0151 / CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. In addition to human health dangers - I would like to mention the following points

1. Animals to sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain

2. Downed Animals are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligiments

3. Downew Animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship

4. Industry Experts have estimated that 90% percent of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handeling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope you will act quickly on this vital issue. Respond ASAP

Sincerely
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