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Dear Sir: 7825 '99 APR 19 A8:46

I am writing to urge the Food & Drug Administration to act on docket number 98P-0151/CP1 & stop the slaughter of downed animals for the human food supply.

Existing USDA regulations define downed animals — those unable to stand — as "diseased," & the law prohibits the slaughter of "diseased" animals for human food. Diseases like bovine leukemia virus (BLV), bovine immunodeficiency virus (BIV) & others commonly afflict cattle. There is also evidence cattle, pigs & sheep in the U.S. may be afflicted with diseases like Britain's "Mad Cow Disease" (bovine spongiform encephalopathy or BSE).

These poor animals (diseased or injured) suffer horrendous cruelty & neglect at livestock markets across the country. They many

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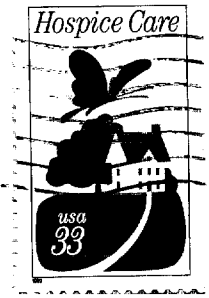

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