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Sirs:

I urge you to grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals — Docket #98P-0151/CP1. Marketing and slaughter of downed animals causes severe animal suffering and a risk to human health.

These downed animals are not handled humanely, as dragging with chains and pushing with tractors, etc. to move them is cruel.

Better care and handling can prevent the injuring of animals to a large degree. Taking downers to the slaughterhouse the next day is outrageous — they should be put to sleep immediately, as by euthanasia.

Animals have feelings, same as humans. Mahatma Gandhi said, "You can judge the moral progress of a nation by the way its animals are treated."

Thank you for improving the welfare of our animal friends.

Sincerely,
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