UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

To whom it May Concern,

(Regarding docket #3775 980p NOV 15 1998:p71

I am writing to urge you to grant our petition to prohibit the Slaughter of downed animals.

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

In addition to posing an increased risk for Bacterial Contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Mad Cow disease) which has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD)

It is practically impossible to move downed humanely & they are typically pushed w/ tractors or dragged with chains which cause injuries ranging [illegible] to broken [illegible]

[illegible] a very small [illegible] slaughtered & [illegible] marketing w/ cause [illegible] hardship

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