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Dear Dockets Management Branch:
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Please prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the food chain. There is evidence that some downed animals may have "mad cow disease," which is linked to a fatal human illness. It is practically impossible to move downed animals humanely & they are pushed w/ tractors, or dragged w/ chains, which cause broken bones & unnecessary pain & suffering. Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered & prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship. Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented w/ better care & handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive for the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Please Thank you, Jackie Bugge

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