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5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20785
Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1**

My family and I are writing you in order to urge you to grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Downed animals – animals too sick even to stand – are commonly left to suffer for hours or days without receiving food, water, or veterinary care, and in many instances, they die of neglect. They are dragged to slaughter with chains or pushed with tractors and forklifts – inhumane methods that cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments. In addition to causing intolerable animal suffering, the marketing and slaughter of downed animals poses a risk to human health and Lord knows that most of these animals suffer horrendous deaths on the slaughter line as well because of the "Humane Slaughter Act" not being enforced but we must start somewhere. Please help these animals and us to end their needless suffering and health risk. Thank you for listening to our views and concerns and we hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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