Dear Sirs: Oct 19, 2000

This is in reference to docket number 98P-0151/CP1. We need to end the downed animal trade. I urge you to grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

First, animals too injured or sick should not enter the food chain because of the increased risk of bacterial contamination such as Salmonella, E. coli or BSE. Its harmful to humans.

Second is the terrible, terrible cruelty to the animal. They are dragged & pushed & injured further. They are deprived of water, food & shelter & linger in agony. This is truly inhumane. Is all this

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worth the few extra dollars that donated animals bring to the industry? No, it will not create undue economic hardship.

Thank you,

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