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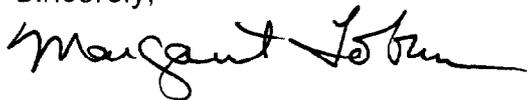
I am writing to you regarding the slaughter of downed animals. Those animals that are too ill even to stand up should not be used for consumption by humans. Some of the downed animals may even be infected with the mad cow disease or other bacterial diseases.

From a humane standpoint, moving downed animals humanely is almost impossible. They are often dragged with chains or moved with tractors—actions that cause further pain. Downed animals comprise a small percentage of animals slaughtered.

If producers are not allowed to sell downed animals for food, they will likely take precautions to handle the animals with better care. This would solve a great deal of the problem.

Please grant the petition to stop the slaughter of downed animals.

Sincerely,



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