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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

I write this letter in regards to the above Docket Number to prohibit the slaughter of **Downed Animals**. As a concerned citizen interested in the humane treatment of animals as well as the health and welfare of human beings, I urge you to help put an end to the despicable treatment of downed animals by prohibiting their slaughter.

The reason an downed animal is unable to move properly is most often due to disease, injury or fatigue. These sentient creatures deserve our respect with humane handling when hurt or exhausted since we have taken responsibility for their care. If the animal is diseased, then we shouldn't allow it to be pasted on through the slaughter process since very little care is taken to determine the cause and type of diseases of downed animals.

It is corporate greed that is the root cause of animal suffering in the factory farm/slaughter house process. If animals were handled with greater care and not treated as **objects**, the number of downed animals would be greatly reduced. By prohibiting the use of downed animals in the slaughter process, the companies and their workers would thereby be more diligent in animal treatment and care in order to preserve their **precious profits!**

I again urge the FDA to prevent companies from allowing downed animals to be used in the food production process and that they be treated in a humane fashion. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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