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RE: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Gentlemen:

I am a firm supporter of domestic animal and wildlife charity organizations throughout the country and I was shocked to receive the recent request and letter from an organization called Farm Sanctuary regarding the slaughter of "downed" animals. I guess I did not realize the plight of our nations food farm animals. I just assumed that there were laws and regulations concerning the treatment of these animals. Since I live in the "Heartland" of the country being in the mid-west I naturally see farm animals often. To learn of their inhumane and devastating treatment at times, is actually quite disheartening. It's one thing for you to be concerned with the finished products for our consumption, but what about the living being that produced this food?

As a concerned and caring individual, I am telling you that it is absolutely imperative that you grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Perhaps, such action will force farmers who are guilty of these horrific actions to change their thinking in the care and respect they give to their animals.

I have been becoming increasingly aware of so many unnecessary and inhumane episodes involving animals, that inasmuch as this is your area, you have no choice but to do your part to make some changes.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

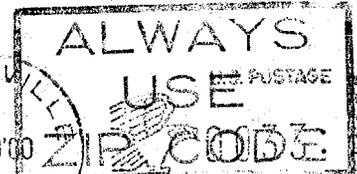
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