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RE: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

I would like to encourage you to grand Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

In a day and age of senseless cruelty, there must be a change in the progression from bad to worse. The case of cruelty to food animals is a shining example. All living creatures should be allowed to live a life free of pain and stress if at all possible. Animals raised for food are no exception. Even though they are raised for slaughter and will not live out their full life span, we should at least guarantee that they do not suffer simply because they will be killed anyway. Not only is a downed animal entitled to humane treatment, we must try to end the cause of such conditions. For an animal to be "downed" it would have to be sick or mistreated. This is cruelty and should be illegal.

Please consider the humane treatment of farm animals in this and future legislation.

Thank you,



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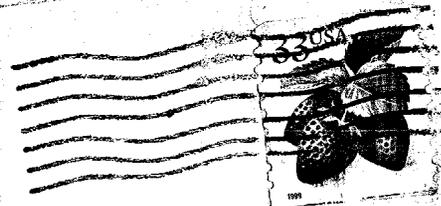
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