To Whom it May Concern:

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I am urging you to grant Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals - docket number 98P-0151/CP1.

Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to suffer even more or allowed to enter the human food chain.

In addition to posing an increased risk of bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of "Mad Cow Disease", a disease which has been linked to a fatal human illness; Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

It is practically impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically pushed on or with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones and torn ligaments.

Even industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. It is due time to stop this senseless cruelty. Respectfully,

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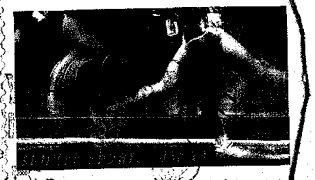

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