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Commissioner  
Food and Drug Administration  
Dockets and Management Branch, Room 1-23  
12420 Parklawn Drive  
Rockville, MD 20857

RE: Docket #98P-0151/CP1

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing to you to request that you prohibit the use of downed animals for human food. The reason is as follows: I have read that "downed animals" are neglected by their owners and suffer horribly. They are too weak, sick, or injured to even stand. They endure long hours, or even days, without food and water, let alone veterinary care. Since they are incapacitated, the animals are moved by being dragged with chains or pushed with tractors or forklifts. **Can you imagine that this is allowed to happen!! How cruel and inhumane!** Anyone with a conscience cannot allow this to continue.

Therefore, as stated earlier, I am requesting that you prohibit the use of downed animals for human food!

In addition to above, these sick and diseased creatures can still be processed for human consumption, posing a human health threat.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

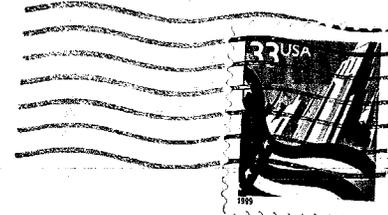
  
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