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Room 1-23
12420 Parklawn Drive
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RE: Docket # 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Commissioner Friedman:

I urge the Food and Drug Administration to prohibit the use of downed animals for food. Sick or injured animals do not deserve the extreme cruelty involved in this practice. Plus food so obtained is an obvious threat to human health.

Please do not let this cruel and unsanitary practice continue. Institute a ban on the slaughter of downed animals for human food. This will encourage stockyards to refuse to accept downed

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animals and, therefore, will encourage farmers and livestock handlers to take better care in preventing downers from occurring in the first place.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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