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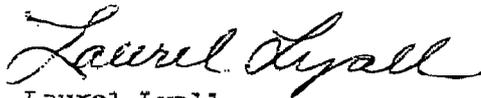
Regarding Docket # 98P-0151/CPI

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is written to urge the FDA to grant petition to 98P-0151/CPI to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals at stockyards for the following reasons:

- 1) Animals too sick or injured should not be allowed to enter the human food chain for human health purposes.
- 2) There is evidence of increased bacterial contamination with these animals that can be linked to the fatal human illness-Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease.
- 3) It is inhumane and totally unacceptable to move "downed" animals with leg chains and tractors.
- 4) By removing the market for "downed" animals will provide incentives to industry to provide better animal husbandry and prevent "downers" in the first place.

Sincerely yours,



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