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Dear Sirs:

I urge you to ~~help~~ do everything in your power to keep downed animals from being sent to slaughter. I have several reasons for making such a request: some downed animals ~~are~~ may be not safe for human consumption; it is many times difficult & may be inhumane to move such animals - typically they are pushed with tractors or dragged with chains causing injuries ranging from bruises & abrasions to broken bones & ligaments; industry experts estimate that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care & handling; removing the market for downed animals will provide an industry incentive to prevent downed animals in the first place.

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