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I am requesting that you grant petition 98P-0151/CP1, to end the slaughter and sale of downed livestock.

I list some compelling facts for granting this petition.

1. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the food chain.
2. In addition to posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease", a disease that has been linked to a fatal human illness (CJD or Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease).
3. It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains- inhuman processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions, to broken bones and torn ligaments.
4. Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.
5. Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

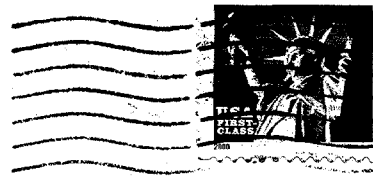
Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1.

Thank you,

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