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To whom it may concern,

I writing to you today regarding Docket No. 98P-0151/CP1.

Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Since little is known about the reasons animals become so weak or sick that they cannot walk, many fear that they may be infected with diseases that can be eventually passed along to consumers who eat the meat.

Also, these animals suffer greatly. They are oftentimes stepped on by other animals, dragged, thrown, and sometimes left to die in the corner of a stockyard or auction facility without food, water or veterinary care. Their final suffering may involve long hours or days.

Again, please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. I'm confident that the federal government will ensure the safety of our food supply, and will also see to it that all farm animals receive humane treatment.

Thank you very much for your time and compassion.

Sincerely,

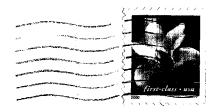
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