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U.S. Food & Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket No. 98P-0151/CP1

To Whom It May Concern,

It has been brought to my attention that under current laws, it is permissible to allow the slaughter and marketing of animals that are severely injured or "downed." Oftentimes, these animals are dragged around with tractors causing further damage such as broken bones and torn ligaments, no doubt in tremendous pain – pain that no living creature should ever have to endure. It is unfathomable to me how such a practice could be legal in this country.

I am writing to urge you to immediately enact measures and guidelines to prevent the unnecessary injury of animals as they are being brought to slaughter, including the provisions of Docket No. 98P-0151/CP1.

I applaud the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture for no longer purchasing the meat from downed animals for school lunch programs, and hope that private industry will soon follow suit where they haven't already. I am very horrified and concerned about this current practice and will look for your correspondence about what is being done to stop this inhumane treatment of animals.

Sincerely,

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