

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in reference to Ticket No. 98P-0151/CP1 to urge you to grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. In addition to an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may have a form of "Mad Cow Disease," which has been linked to Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease in humans. Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship. Also, downed animals are impossible to move in a humane manner and therefore are dragged with chains or pushed with tractors, which causes further injury and pain. They are also left to die from dehydration, suffering in agony instead of being humanely euthanized. Please help us all - human and other animals - by granting this measure.

Sincerely,

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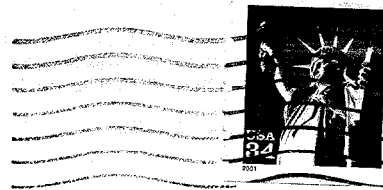
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