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To Whom It May Concern:

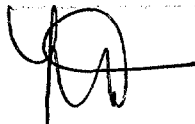
Regarding "downed animals:" the cows, steer, pigs and sheep, who because of grave injuries or illness, are unable to stand or walk. Historically, the livestock industry has treated these animals brutally: they are kicked, beaten and dragged all the way to the slaughterhouse to be killed and rendered.

Last year, in a landmark policy, the USDA announced: "USDA will no longer accept ground beef that includes product from non-ambulatory cattle, commonly known as 'downers'" for Federal programs, including the National School Lunch Program.

As you are aware, a petition has been filed with the FDA to completely prohibit the slaughter of downed animal. By cutting out the market for downed animals, the livestock industry will have more of an incentive to treat animals humanely, euthanizing these downed animals on-farm, and more importantly, preventing the injuries that cause "downed animals" in the first place.

I am writing today in support of Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1.

Sincerely,

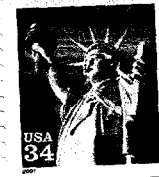


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