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Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1  
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 posing an increased risk  
for bacterial contamination, there is  
evidence that some downed animals  
may be afflicted with a form of BSE.  
It is impossible to move downed

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animals humanely, and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, inhumane processes which cause injuries.

Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care & handling. Removing the market for them will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Thank you for your attention, Dominica E. Botter

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