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

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

We are requesting that you grant the above-referenced petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Last year, the USDA announced a landmark policy to stop purchasing meat from downed cows for Federal programs, including the National School Lunch Program. At the time, your agency stated that the "USDA will no longer accept ground beef that includes product from non-ambulatory cattle, commonly known as 'downers'." We ask that you please expand this policy to prohibit the marketing and slaughter of downed animals all together.

For this supposedly enlightened society of ours, this is barbaric behavior and must be stopped.

Please do everything in your power to see that this horrifying cruelty ends.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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