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U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
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Gentlemen,

I urge you to 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 food chain.

There is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with Mad cow disease and other infections, posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination.

It is impossible to move downed animals humanely--please euthanize them if they cannot be saved instead of pulling or dragging them, causing multiple added injuries. Broken bones & torn ligaments, UNTOLD SUFFERING!!

Animals deserve to be treated humanely--how can we have a clear conscience if we do otherwise?

Industry experts estimate that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling.

Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Sincerely,

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