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

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you, urging you, to stop the trade and slaughtering of downed animals.

I beg your grant, of petition 98p-0151/cp1.

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

Animals who are too sick or injuted to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

It is impossible to move downed animals humanely and they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - inhumane processes which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments. Can you imagine if you were feeling ill, and some stranger chained you up, and dragged you, while you were in pain, causing you more pain and shock, only to deliver you barbarically to your death?

I didn't think so.

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Sincerely,

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