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RE: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Oscar Arias

To Whom It May Concern:

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On behalf of the Global Resource Action Center for the Environment (GRACE), I urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals who are too sick or injured to even stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

Karl Grossman Hazel Henderson Walter Isard Michio Kaku Inge Kaul Patti Kenner David Korten David Krieger Gloria Lawrence Robert S. Lawrence Sidney Lerner

In addition to increased health risks, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE or "Mad Cow Disease", a disease which can be fatal to humans.

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Industry experts have estimated that the percentage of downed animals can decrease by 90% with better care and handling. By not allowing downed animals to be slaughtered and sold, the industry will have more of an incentive to treat animals more humanely and to provide healthier food to consumers.

Mark Ritchie Douglas Roche Stanley Sheinbaum I urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1.

Henry Spira (1927-1998) **Emily Squires** Theodore B. Taylor

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Sincerely,

Grace Thorpe Stanley Weithorn Alan Woltz

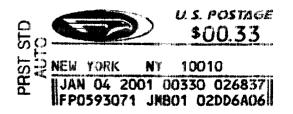
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