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To Whom This May Concern,

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

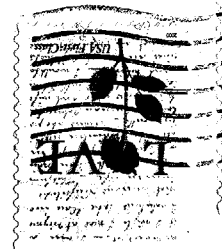
Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

Sincerely,
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