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Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Sirs or Madams:

I urge you to grant petition to 98P-0151/CP1, which would prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Downed animals are too sick or injured to stand. These animals are usually dragged into slaughter by extremely inhumane procedures. Already injured and in pain, they endure further bruises, abrasions, broken bones and torn ligaments.

In addition, I believe there is a risk to humans from the consumption of these animals. Downed animals may be afflicted with BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"). This disease has been linked to the human illness Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease.

I therefore urge you to grant petition to 98P-0151/CP1.

Very truly yours,



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