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Re: Docket # 98P-0151/CP1

I am writing to urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals to enter the food chain for humans and animals.

I believe it is not fit for human consumption, and it is also not safe to use in animal feed or pet food either.

One of my concerns is evidence showing that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE or Mad Cow Disease, and would prevent the spread of other diseases as well.

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

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