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To whom it may concern:

We strongly urge that you grant Petition 98P-0151/CP1. This would put an end to the common practice in the meat packing industry of slaughtering and processing "downed" animals. This practice, beside being cruel and inhumane, poses a very real and serious threat to human health. The fact that an animal is too sick to walk must obviously raise concern that its meat may be tainted. Bacterial contamination and even BSE (leading to CJD) are possibilities.

Downed animals are a minute portion of those animals which are slaughtered; prohibiting their slaughter would inflict no serious economic cost on the industry, and would be the right thing to do. Please grant Petition 98P-0151/CP1.

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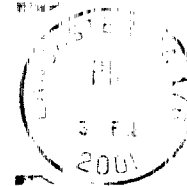
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