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RE: DOCKET **98P-0151/CP1**

Dear Dockets Management Official:

I am writing to you to ask that you grant petition **98P-0151/CP1** to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. I believe that these animals should not be allowed to get into our food. An animal unable to stand seems to me to be too likely to be unhealthy for consumption. Downed animals are an economically insignificant part of the market and their removal from the food chain can only be a sensible protective measure from you.

I have been reading about the European experience with mad cow disease which suggests to me that we need to be particularly cautious right now about any and all possible contaminations. Of course I am also concerned with the humane treatment of the animals; prohibiting the marketing and slaughter of downed animals seems more likely to result in humane deaths than present practices.

Your groundbreaking decision to stop purchasing meat from downed cows for the National School Lunch Program was a wonderful piece of legislation. Prohibiting the slaughter of downed animals will continue that policy and I support you in that effort.

Cordially,



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