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Rockville, MD 20852

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Dear Sir or Madam:

Last year, Farm Sanctuary launched its "No Downers" campaign, a project geared towards ending the marketing of sick and injured animals in the livestock industry. (Petition's docket number - 98P-0151/CPI). Adding fuel to Farm Sanctuary's fire, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a landmark policy to stop purchasing meat from downed cows for federal programs, including the National School Lunch Program. Officials stated that "USDA" will no longer accept ground beef that includes product from non-ambulatory cattle, commonly known as 'downers.'")

Unveiling a growing consensus among the livestock industry and government officials, this decision sets a major precedent - that the marketing and slaughter of downed animals is unacceptable. I demand that the FDA prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Thank you and I hope to hear from you in the very near future.

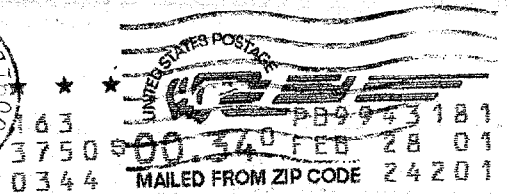
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