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Food and Drug Administration
Dockets Management Branch
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20785 U.S.A.

RE: Docket #98P-0151/CP1

I am requesting that you grant The Farm Sanctuary's petition. Without it, thousands of animals will continue to die slow, agonizing deaths at stockyards all across your country.

"Food" animals in America are mistreated from birth to their premature death. Chickens are raised in intensive confinement, as are pigs and turkeys. Cattle are dehorned, castrated and branded without the benefit of anesthesia. The list of cruelties and injustices is endless. But one of the worst practices committed upon farm animals has to be the treatment of "downers." The term describes those beings that are too weak or sick to walk to the slaughterhouse.

An investigator from the Farm Sanctuary went to a stockyard in upstate New York and witnessed the following:

"...two dairy cows, too sick and weak even to stand. They cried out repeatedly, and kicked their legs in discomfort, but the stockyard workers never came to ease their pain. The stockyard would not even euthanize the animals to end their misery, and after hours of suffering, the cows died."

The Farm Sanctuary's petition will make it illegal to keep downer animals in conditions such as the ones described above. Please stop this extremely inhumane treatment of sentient creatures. Your response will be most appreciated.

Respectfully,

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Peggy Monning Porteau

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