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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Docket No. 98P-0151/CP1

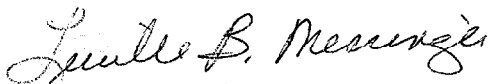
Please grant the petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for food.

Downers pose an increased risk for bacterial contamination. There is also evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Mad Cow Disease).

It is impossible to move downed animals humanely.

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 industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

Sincerely,



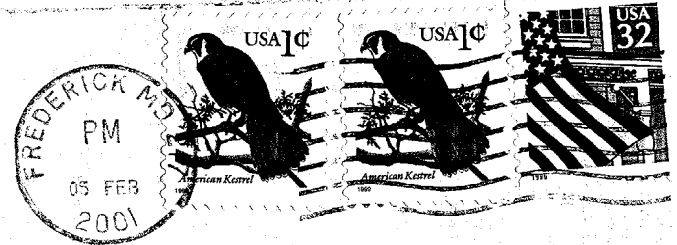
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