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To Whom It May Concern:

Please stop the Downed Animal Trade by supporting Docket # 98P-0151/CP-52. This will help prevent sick or injured animals that cannot even stand in most circumstances from entering into the food chain. In addition to posing an increased risk for bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"). It is practically impossible to move downed animals humanely, they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, resulting in more injuries (broken bones, torn ligaments, bruises and contusions). Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no due economic hardship. 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 for the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

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