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Dear Persons,

RE: Docket Number 98P-015/CP1: Downed Cows

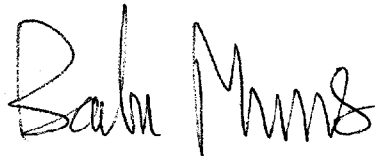
We read of the USDA landmark policy to stop purchasing meat from Downed Cows.

We're relieved to read this because aside from bacterial and antibiotic effects on human consumers, there is the worry about death from Mad Cow Disease. We understand that downed animals at point of slaughter are dragged with chains or pushed with tractors, causing injuries.

This a very painful subject but I believe that excluding them from the disassembly plant will renew people's confidence in beef, or red meat as it is referred to. Improved conditions may help prevent animals collapsing at the stockyards and reduce the percentage of downed individuals.

We trust that the FDA will prohibit slaughter of downed animals.

Sincerely,



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