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Dockets Management Branch
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you regarding docket number 98P-0151/CP1 prohibiting the slaughter of downed animals. I fully support this plan and ask that you grant this petition

Downed animals are too sick, too weak or too injured to walk to slaughter. It is impossible to move them humanely so they are often dragged by chains or pushed by tractors to get them from a transport vehicle to the slaughter site. These downers endure tremendous pain and suffering merely to squeeze a little more profit from each animal.

Since the number of downed animals is actually relatively small compared to the number of animals slaughtered, prohibiting the sale of downers would not cause undue economic hardship on farmers or the industry. In fact, since most downers could be prevented with better care and handling, removing the profits to be made from selling downed animals would provide motivation to the industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

In addition, many consumers are unaware of the greater risk of bacterial contamination from these sick and downed animals. Animals that are too sick to walk should not be killed for human consumption.

I respectfully ask you to adopt docket number 98P-0151/CP1 to protect animals and consumers. It is the humane thing to do. Thank you .

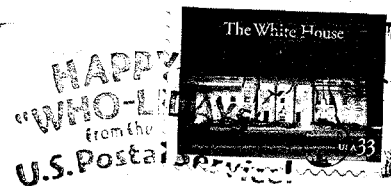
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