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5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
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DEAR SIRS:

Please grant petition Docket Number "98P-0151-CPI" to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Animals who are too sick or injured to stand, should not be slaughtered for human consumption.

The use of downed animals in meat production, poses a risk from bacteria and disease to the consumer.

Experts in the industry estimate 90% of downed animals, can be prevented with better care and handling. It is so cruel, while helpless, they are pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, resulting in broken bones, bruises and torn ligaments.

By removing the market for using downed animals, will hopefully provide an incentive to the industry to prevent downed animals.

Thank you so much for reading this and please grant the petition.

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