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U.S. Food and Drug Administration Dockets Management Branch 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

To whom it may concern,

I request that you grant petition 98P-015/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter and marketing of downed animals. Downed animals are not moved humanely; they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, resulting in extreme pain and suffering from abrasions, broken bones and torn ligaments. Experts in the livestock industry have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling of the animals. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to the industry to prevent their animals from becoming too sick or injured to stand. Prohibiting the marketing of downed animals will cause no undue economic hardship.

Sincerely,

Thank you very much for your attention.

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