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Dear FDA,

I am writing to urge you to grant Petition 98P-0151/CPI to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Animals who are too sick or injured to stand should ^{not} be allowed to enter the human food chain. There is risk of bacterial contamination. Also some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.

Downed animals are typically inhumanely pushed with tractors or dragged with chains. Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals could be prevented with better handling. Removing the market for downed animals

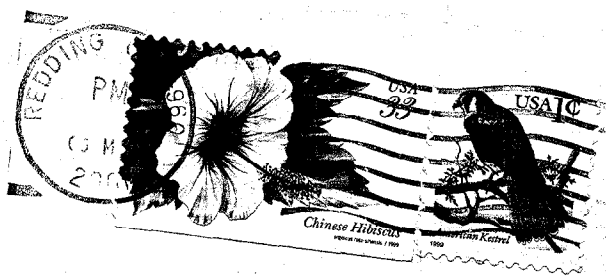
provide incentive to the industry
to prevent downed animals in the
first place. Since downed animals
are a very small percentage of
animals slaughtered it will cause
no economic hardship to prohibit
their marketing.

Please grant petition
98P-0151/CPI to end the slaughter
of downed animals.

Thank You for your
attention.

Sincerely,
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