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5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket # 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Manager:

I strongly urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Downed animals are sick and, if turned into food for human consumption, could make people sick. Prohibiting the slaughter of downed animals will not affect anyone economically, because they are a small percentage of the animals used for this purpose.

Other than the above reasons for my writing, downed animals are treated very inhumanely...it is bad enough they are sick and discarded (like so much trash)...but they are chained, pushed and shoved by insensitive handlers, causing broken bones and torn ligaments in these animals.

From a practical standpoint, and a humane perspective, I hope you will give this some serious thought and grant petition 98P-0151/CP1.

Thank you for listening.

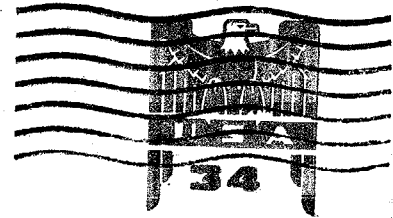
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