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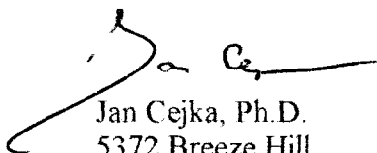
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you with reference to Docket # 98P-0151/CP1 regarding regulations in the transportation and slaughter of "downed" animals.

There are moral as well as health reasons why these animals, unfortunate enough in their suffering and pain, should be treated in the most humane way. It is virtually impossible to move downed animals humanely; the cruel handling causes multiple injuries and great suffering. In addition, there is an increased risk of meat contamination by multiple pathogens present in sick animals.

No humane society should allow suffering of any living creature, human or non-human - especially for narrow economic interests. Please, protect downed animals from further suffering, provide them with humane euthanasia and prohibit their slaughter through proper legislation.

Respectfully yours,



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