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Dear Sir,

I am truly saddened that at present there still exists a marketable trade and slaughter from downed animals. This practice is not only abominably cruel but could pose very real health risks as well. I am asking you to please consider this as you evaluate petition 98P-0151/CP1 which will prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

As a middle school teacher who brings very real issues to her students, I would like to help make my students proud of this great country which is often at the forefront of policies and issues that will relieve suffering, regard the health of the nation, or just simply act humanely. We were very encouraged to learn that Federal programs which run the National School Lunch Program will no longer accept beef from such a source. We all cheered loudly at this.

Sir, I call upon you to open this net even wider as the ground swell of opinion seems to recognize an idea whose time has come and stop any trade from downed animals. I know you already know the reasons why this is a sane as well as a humane point of view, and I urge that you do your utmost to bring this to law. I am confident that this will happen but wish to add my voice to those petitioning for this.

Yours sincerely,

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