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RE: Petition/Docket 98P-0151/CPI

Dear Sir/Madam

In the interests of human health and safety, and for the sake of treating suffering animals humanely, I ask the USFDA to ban the slaughter of downed animals entirely--for the good of animals and for the good of humans. It is impossible to move downed cattle humanely; instead, they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, causing injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and ligaments. And recent evidence shows that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (mad cow disease), a condition that is linked to a fatal illness in humans.

The treatment suffered by these animals, all in the name of food, has been routinely documents. However, in the past, the USFDA has continually turned its head and ignored the plight of these animals. Inspections in the area of humane treatment are so infrequent and rare that it is not a common thing for downed animals to be horrifically abused in the last portions of their life. Being left in a pile of other animals to die is just one of the possibilities of the way these animals' lives end. Therefore, I ask you to ban the sale of downed animals and mandate their immediate and humane euthanasia by a qualified DVM.

Sincerely,



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