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Regarding: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1
Prohibition of the slaughter of non-ambulatory animals.

This letter is meant as a showing of support for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's granting of Farm Sanctuary's petition to prohibit the slaughter of "downed" animals.

It is also important at this time to think of not only the suffering endured by the animals facing slaughter but also of the workers employed to carry out their slaying. These workers also suffer and must not be ignored. Prohibiting the killing of the animals included in the Farm Sanctuary's petition will also spare ranch, feedlot and slaughter-house workers the unavoidable trauma involved in participating in the animals' deaths.

I will go no further toward recounting the stories of cruelty, nor offer further dialogue toward the debates, I will simply thank you in advance for decreasing the amount of suffering taking place.

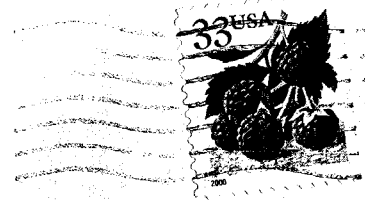
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