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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of petition 98P-0151/CP1, the prevention of slaughter against downed animals. The handling of sick and injured animals is completely inhumane. There is no need for this cruelty in this day and age. The poor animals are dragged by chains, pushed by tractors and even left to starve to death. America slaughters enough animals each year that our economy will not be harmed by allowing these poor, mistreated sick animals to receive proper medical attention. Studies have even shown that a small percentage of slaughtered downed cattle are afflicted with "mad cow disease".

I implore you to enforce this petition, it is the only humane way to stop this awful cruelty. If you have any sense of compassion you must feel for these poor creatures! They should not have to suffer to their deaths' in this manner.

Sincerely,

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