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DEAR SIR:

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO GRANT PETITION 98P-0151/CPI TO PROHIBIT THE SLAUGHTER OF DOWNED ANIMALS. ANIMALS TOO SICK OR INJURED EVEN TO STAND SHOULD NOT ENTER THE HUMAN FOOD CHAIN AND NOT ONLY IS THERE AN INCREASED RISK FOR BACTERIAL CONTAMINATION, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SOME DOWNED ANIMALS MAY BE AFFLICTED WITH A FORM OF BOVINE SPONGIFORM ENCEPHALOPATHY, (MAD COW DISEASE). DOWNED ANIMALS ARE BEING VICIOUSLY PUSHED WITH TRACTORS OR DRAGGED WITH CHAINS CAUSING EXCRUCIATING PAIN, BROKEN BONES, TORN LIGAMENTS AND OTHER SEVERE INJURIES. IT'S ENOUGH TO MAKE ANYONE GO VEGETARIAN. EXPERTS HAVE ESTIMATED THAT 90% PERCENT OF DOWNED ANIMALS CAN BE PREVENTED WITH BETTER CARE AND HANDLING. IF SOME WOULD TREAT THE ANIMALS WITH BETTER CARE, THERE WOULD BE MORE PROFIT AND LESS SUFFERING. WHAT IS SO TERRIBLY SAD IS THAT THE INNOCENT SUFFER WITH BSE INSTEAD OF THE SCUM THAT FEED THE ANIMALS RANCID DEAD MEAT FROM OTHER ANIMALS AND THE DEGENERATES THAT TREAT THEM WITH SUCH CRUELTY. PROHIBITING THE MARKETING OF DOWNED ANIMALS WILL CAUSE NO UNDUE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP BECAUSE THEY ARE A VERY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED. WE AGAIN, STRONGLY URGE YOU TO GRANT PETITION 98P-0151/CPI TO PROHIBIT THE INHUMANE SLAUGHTER OF DOWNED ANIMALS.

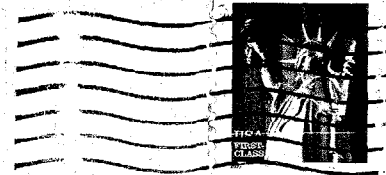
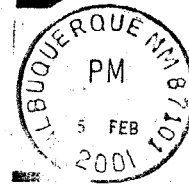
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