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To parties concerned with docket # 98P-0151/CP1, which prohibits
the slaughter of downed animals:

I am writing to ask you to grant this petition. Downed animals, which
are too sick even to stand, are a threat to the health of other animals
and to the humans who consume them. They are, after all, a very likely
candidate for the source of the mad cow disease which is terrifying Europe.

It is impossible to move downed animals humanely, and they are routinely
pushed with tractors or dragged with chains - unspeakably cruel actions
which only intensify their already immeasurable suffering.

Because downed animals make up a very small percentage of all animals
slaughtered, granting petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit their slaughter
will cause no undue economic hardship.

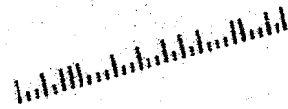
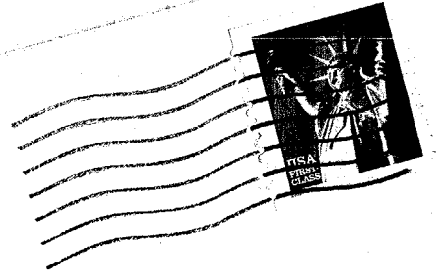
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