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Gentlemen:

I am writing to you for compassion
for downed animals for the following
reasons:

① Animals too sick or injured
even to stand should not be
allowed to enter the food chain.

② There is evidence that some
downed animals may be afflicted
with a form of BSE.

③ It is impossible to move
downed animals humanely and as
humane treatment of
animals should be our first

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consideration.

(D) Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered and should cause no undue economic hardship.

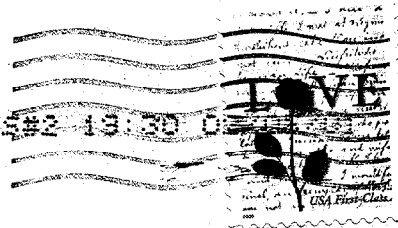
(E) Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling.

Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to industry to prevent downed animals in the first place.

I am not a vegetarian but I think we all owe to animals raised for food, kind a humane treatment which they do not get!

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