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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to implore you to grant petition **98P-0151/CP1** to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for human food. The animal agriculture industry, government officials, and the public concur that there is no justifiable reason to market downed animals. These animals suffer immense amounts of pain when abandoned or moved. Their extreme suffering is absolutely unjustifiable. In addition, the consumption of downed animals may well pose a threat to human health. When it comes to serious diseases like BSE, we need to exercise the utmost care. Please, for human health and the animals, encourage the industry to prevent "**downers**" by granting petition **98P-0151/CP1**. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

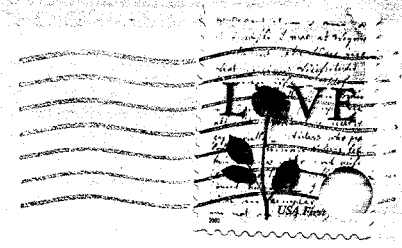
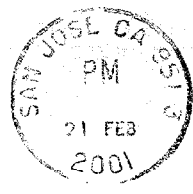


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