

US Food and Drug Administration  
Dockets Management Branch  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Sir,

This letter strongly asks to grant petition 98P-0151/CPI to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Any animal too sick or injured to stand should be prohibited of entering the food chain.

It is not possible to moved downed animals in a humane manner, they are pushed and shoved with tractors It is estimated that 90% of downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling. Removing the market for downed animals will be an incentive for the industry to provide better care and handling of these animals.

Downed animals may be linked to BSE and that is a fatal human disease so the health and safety of the public is in jeopardy.

Please take all these considerations in a serious manner and prohibit the slaughter of downed animals once and forever.

Sincerely,



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