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Dear F.O.C.,

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to prohibit the slaughter of downed  
animals.

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

Downed animals are typically  
pushed with tractors or dragged  
with chains - inhumane processes  
which cause injuries ranging  
from bruises and abrasions to  
broken bones and torn ligaments.

Downed animals comprise a very  
small percentage of animals slaugh-  
tered and prohibiting their market-  
ing will cause no undue economic  
hardship.

Industry experts have estimated  
that 90% of downed animals can  
be prevented with better care  
and handling. Removing the

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

Thank you,  
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