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Dear FDA,

From their press releases below, reputable organizations within the livestock industry are in support of the intentions of Docket #98P-0151/CP1 to ban non-ambulatory animals from entering the food supply.

Organization	Source
National Cattlemen's Association	Dairy Today, January 1993
Dr. Jim Reynolds - Dairy veterinarian	Statement before the Judiciary Committee of the California State Senate, 1993
Minnesota Livestock Marketing Association	January 25, 1991
Tom Lawin - Editor	The Country Today, February 27, 1991
National Pork Producers Council	Letter to hog markets from David Meecker, Vice President, May 17, 1991
Hoard's Dairyman	July, 1991
Garen Wimer - Rancher	Letter to Honorable Richard Pombo Chairman of the Livestock subcommittee March 24, 1999
Pork Report	July/August, 1991
Meat & Poultry	August, 1991
Empire Livestock Marketing Inc.	Letter from Dale Chambers, General Manager, in support of Docket #98P-0151/CP1 prohibition of downed animals.
Central Livestock Association Inc.	Letter from Curt Zimmerman, Vice President.

\* Provided by Farm Sanctuary ([www.nodowners.org](http://www.nodowners.org))

According to Food Chemical News, October 19, 1998, "Ban on downed cattle not opposed by most livestock producers, says researcher". "It is a recognized problem and would not oppose legislation banning the marketing of downed animals", according to Ted Friend of Texas A&M University's Department of Animal Science.

Rancher Garen Wimer states that "When consumers see pictures and videotape showing the transportation and handling of non-ambulatory livestock, they are understandably upset. It is impossible to move these animals humanely, and it is hard to imagine anything worse for consumer confidence than for non-ambulatory livestock to enter the food supply."

Dr. Jim Reynolds has observed that when slaughterhouses stop accepting downed animals, that good animal husbandry practices are reinforced. "Culling a down cow represents a loss of money to the producer - not a gain in income." Since California's SB692 Downed Animal Protection Act has taken place, "I have received more calls to provide veterinary assistance and to humanely euthanize the hopeless cases". Clients are even setting up special pens to treat young injured cows that would have been sold as downers without the law.

By refusing to let downed animals enter into our food supply, we can promote good animal husbandry and humane animal welfare. I am in support of petition Docket # 98P-0151/CP1.

Sincerely,

  
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