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Re: Docket # 98P-0151/CP1

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of my entire family and in support of the petition to completely prohibit the brutal killing of downed animals. Surely you must be aware of the egregious and inhumane practices that are all too common at our nation's slaughterhouses. Perhaps if the market for downed animals were forbidden, the livestock industry would have some incentive to treat the animals less harshly, euthanize the felled ones on the farm, and prevent such injuries from occurring in the first place.

We believe that there is entirely too much beef, pork, and chicken that are factory-farmed and consumed in the United States. The animals are kept in deplorable conditions and contaminated with steroids, chemicals and antibiotics. The result is extremely hazardous to our health and toxic to our spirit as well. We wish that these abominations could be shut down completely, but meanwhile it is imperative that the worst abuses be addressed and reformed.

Please support Docket Number 98P-0151/CO1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Schlessinger".

Susan Schlessinger
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On behalf of
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