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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am an American citizen urging you to support docket #98P-0151/CP1 which will prohibit the slaughter of downed animals.

Downed animals should not be allowed for human consumption due to the increased risk of bacterial infection. In addition, it is inhumane to move and slaughter animals who are in so much pain that they can't even walk. If the food industry is concerned about this, they should provide more humane conditions for these animals to prevent them from becoming sick and/or injured.

Please grant petition 98P-0151/CP1.

Kind Regards,

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