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Dear Sir:

I am writing to ask that petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit slaughter of downed animals be granted.

Industry experts have estimated that 90% of downed animals could be prevented with better handling. Removing the market for downed animals will provide an incentive to prevent downed animals. In addition downed animals compose a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, prohibiting their marketing will cause no economic hardship.

There is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of 'Mad Cow Disease'. This disease has been linked to fatal human illness. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

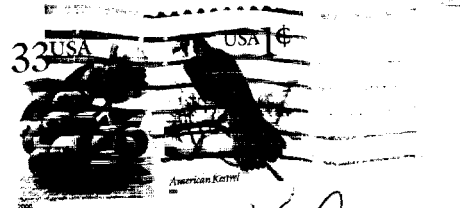
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It is also impossible to humanely move downed animals.

Thank you.

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