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To whom this may concern.

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I urge you to grant Farm Sanctuary's
petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed
animals - docket number 98P-0151/CPI.

Animals, too ill or injured even to stand,
shouldn't be killed for food. These animals not
only pose increased risk for bacterial contami-
nation, but evidence (per Farm Sanctuary
magazine Fall 2000) shows that some of these
animals may have a type of BSE (Bovine
Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"),
an illness linked to a fatal human disease
(CJD or Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease). Also,
it is almost impossible to move downed animals
humanely, and they are typically pushed with
tractors or dragged with chains. These inhumane
methods cause injuries, even broken bones and torn
ligaments. Industry experts say most downed
animals can be prevented with better care and
handling. If a market for downed animals no
longer exists, an incentive may very well be
created for industry to prevent the incidence of these
animals.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,
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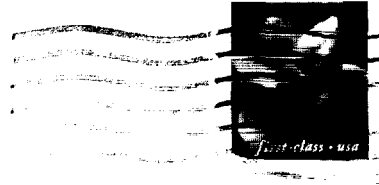
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