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U.S. Food and Drug Administration Dockets Management Branch 5630 Fishers Lane Room 1061 Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Petition 98P-0151/CP1

Dear Sirs:

I would like to ask you to please grant the above referenced petition to prohibit the slaughter of downed farm animals. It is impossible to move downed cattle humanely; instead, they are typically pushed with tractors or dragged with chains which causes injuries ranging from bruises to broken bones. It is bad enough that the animals are slaughtered inhumanely and it is unacceptable that they are treated inhumanely before they are slaughtered.

I thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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