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Re: *Petition # 98P-0151/CP1*

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of Petition # 98P-0151/CP1. Farm Sanctuary recently documented horrendous cruelty at stockyards in the state of Texas. Downed, diseased and dying animals were a common sight. Animals commonly endure injuries and illnesses due to being transported for up to 36 hours without food or water. Meat and dairy industries have termed these animals - too sick, weak or crippled to stand - as "downers." These sick animals routinely die of neglect, or are dumped alive on auction "deadpiles." Those who survive are taken to slaughterhouses. The meat and dairy industries deal in "downers" because they can still sell them for human consumption. Profits, not humane considerations, guide industry practice.

I urge you to grant Petition # 98P-0151/CP1 to ban the slaughter of downed animals for human food.

Sincerely,

  
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