



United States Department of Agriculture

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Food Safety and  
Inspection Service

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Washington, D.C.  
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Mr. Bruce Friedrich  
Farm Sanctuary  
6525 North Capital St. NE  
Washington DC 20012

Dear Mr. Friedrich:

The Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has received the petition submitted by you on behalf of Farm Sanctuary and various other animal advocacy organizations requesting that the Agency amend its ante-mortem inspection regulations to prohibit the slaughter of non-ambulatory disabled (NAD) pigs. The petition states that such action is needed to improve food safety, animal handling, and inspector efficiency at slaughter establishments.

Your request is being considered as a rulemaking petition under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(e)), USDA's administrative regulations (7 CFR 1.28), and FSIS's regulations on petitions (9 CFR part 392). Your petition has been referred to the Office of Policy and Program Development for review, and it has been assigned petition number 14-02. As provided in 9 CFR 392.6, your petition will be made available to the public in the FSIS docket room and will be posted on the FSIS Website at: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/regulations/petitions>

You may contact Mary Porretta, Petitions Manager, Issuances Staff at (202) 720-5627 if you have any questions regarding the status of your petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles E. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Williams  
Director  
Issuances Staff  
Office of Policy and Program Development