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Dear Dr. DeHaven and Mr. Jaffe:

I am not a radical animal rights activist by any means, however, the recent Washington Post article on forced molting of laying hens was disgusting. This practice along with de-beaking, of which I was already aware, has raised my concern for farm animals to a new level. As a civilized, prosperous society, we should be able to feed our nation without torturing farm animals.

Our family will reduce and try to eliminate our use of poultry products unless we can find organic, cruelty-free processors and distributors.

**PLEASE WORK TO SUPPORT BANS ON FORCED MOLTING AND DE-BEAKING.
PLEASE SUPPORT ANY LEGISLATION THAT WILL STOP UNNECESSARY
CRUELTY TO FARM ANIMALS.**

Sincerely,

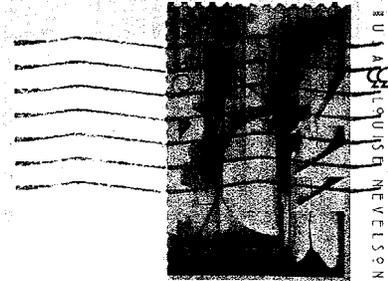


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