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To Whom This Concerns: RE: Docket # 98P-0203/CP

Chickens kept for egg laying suffer horribly. To speed up the 4 month natural molting process, hens are starved for two weeks and are deprived of water or light. This cruelty is totally unexcusable. We are supposed to be a "civilized society" that cares about our wildlife. We should be lifting our endeavors to a higher level of consciousness. These cruel egg production techniques must be stopped! Please grant the petition filed to eliminate the forced molting of hens.

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5. Could you also formulate a plan to protect the lives of small male chicks from being commercilessly killed due to the most horrible farming practices that exist today?

Thank you

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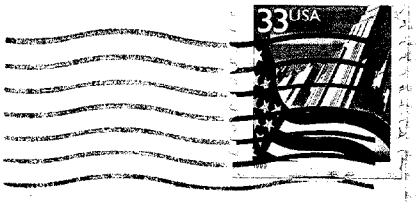

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