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Dear Mr Jaffe,

I support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP).

Most people do not know what inhumanity goes into getting eggs onto their breakfast plate, but I do. The conditions in which chickens are forced to live are unspeakable. We cram them into tiny cages with 4 other chickens so they can't turn around. Then we fry or slice their beaks off so they can't peck each other to death. Gee, what more can we do to make a life hell for the chicken? Force them to molt so we can wring one last season out of them before they are slaughtered. The inhumanity of our attitudes toward animals is sickening.

Frankly, I'd like to see you improve the living conditions for chickens, not just ban forced molting. What could be done?

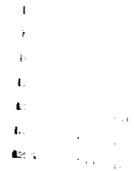
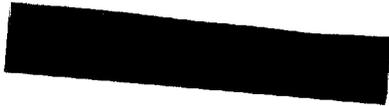
Sincerely,



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