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To whom it may concern,

Please consider my enclosed request regarding docket # 98P-0203/CP.

Forced molting of hens used in egg production is cruel & increases the spread of Salmonella enteritidis infection. If the average person withheld food from their dog or cat, that person could & should be charged with animal cruelty. The same rule should apply to the US egg industry, who intentionally starves hens to manipulate their metabolism & produce more eggs. Furthermore, forced molting is stressful & predisposes the birds & their eggs to Salmonella infection.

I am a firm beliver that people's character can be ascertained by how they treat animals, those living creatures among us who are unable to protect themselves or speak up for themselves. It is attrocious that such acts of cruelty are allowed to continue in this modern day & age.

I urge you to do everything in your power to eliminate this practice. Thank you for your consideration.

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