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Dear Mr. Jaffe,

Please do what you can to ban the forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP) This is such a barbaric and cruel fate for these hens. Forced molting is so cruel, it was banned in Great Britian and in most European countries in 1987. Yet, here in North America, no laws exist to protect these poor birds and as you read this, more than 6 million hens are being forced-molted.

The pictures I've seen of these hens are so horrible. They don't even look like chickens. All their feathers are gone and they have open sores and no combs.

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Their lines are so miserable. They should at least have a cage to themselves so they can move around. They just might be more productive that way.

Sincerely
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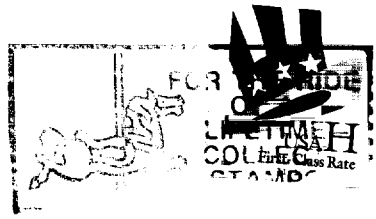

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