Lyle S. Jaffe, 4-9-99

I am writing in support of the petition to ban forced molting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP). I am not an animal rights activist or a vegetarian. Actually, chicken makes up a large part of my diet. I am ashamed of our government continued allowance of the inhumane treatment of the creatures that are raised and slaughtered for our dinner tables. How much money will these companies lose by treating the food product more humanely? Surely it won't bankrupt them. I urge you to support the above mentioned petition and if you have anything to do with the Downed Animal Protection Act H.R. 443 please consider giving support in that area also.

This is the first time I have ever written a letter like this. Maybe I'll write more, anyways I'd like to thank you for your time and hopefully your efforts on behalf of the above mentioned petition and act.

Thank you

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