Dear Mr. Jaffe,

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

Depriving these birds of food and water for 2 weeks or more is not only extremely cruel to the chickens, but weakens their immune systems, leaving them prone to disease and salmonella infections.

I understand the agribusinessmen want to make as much money as they possibly can, but isn't there a point where we draw the line? Do we continue to allow the cruelest deprivation of millions of birds, resulting in contaminated eggs, simply to satisfy the greed?

Sincerely,

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