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Dear Staff:

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We urge you to BAN the forced molting of Laying hens. This procedure is not only inhumane - food withheld for several days to increase egg production - but it also increases the occurrence of the Salmonella enteritidis, causing widespread human illness.

Also, BAN the use of antibiotics as growth promoters for factory farm animals; as the bacteria become resistant to antibiotics, they infect people of all ages through the meat, milk and eggs we eat. Protect the people, not the animal factory owners and the animal drug industry.

Sincerely,

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