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RE: Docket 98P-0203/CP
To Ban Forced Molting of Layer Hens

Dear Sir:

Have learned that in addition to the other horrors of the gulag of intensive egg production, such as crowding hens into wire cages stacked upon stacks indoors, debeaking, the crushing or suffocation of male chicks in plastic bags; there is also the practice of forced molting, in which millions of hens in this country every year are deprived of food and water, for 2 weeks or more, as well as light, to shock their systems into molting all at once, to avoid the interruption of egg-laying during a normal molting season.

We support the petition to ban this practice here, as it has been banned in Great Britain and most European countries. We would support a petition to ban all factory farming.

Sincerely,
Katharine Hetrick

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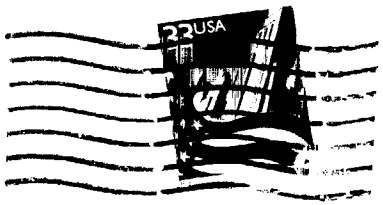

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