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Dear Sir or Ma'am,

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The egg industry induces forced molting on hens used for egg production by starving them for up to fourteen days until they lose 25 to 35 percent of their body weight. By manipulating their metabolism, exhausted hens will lay more eggs before they are sent to slaughter. I am asking the FDA to grant the petition, filed under docket #98P-0203/CP, that would eliminate this inhumane and cruel practice. Might I add that forced molting increases the spread of Salmonella enteritidis infection to people; therefore, the opposition of forced molting will also cater to the interests of humans.

In demand of justice,

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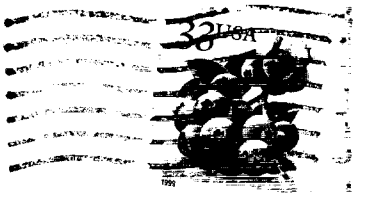

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