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To Whom This May Concern;

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This letter is to ask the Food and Drug Administration to ban:

- forced molting - where feed is withheld several days to cause chicken hens to produce more eggs. This is inhumane, and increases the chances of Salmonella enteritidis.

- The use of antibiotics as growth promoters for farm animals which causes these antibiotics to become ineffective in humans. Some of the growth promotion antibiotics, virginiamycin and tylosin phosphate, treat human illnesses. Animal bacteria become resistant to these antibiotics, and this bacteria is injested by humans in meat, milk, and eggs. There is no treatment for human infected with antibiotic resistant bacteria.

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Last year the European Union voted to ban four growth promoting antibiotics which are used to treat human illnesses. Sweden banned all antibiotics in farm animals. Denmark has a partial ban.

Please consider banning forced molting and the use of antibiotics as growth promoters in farm animals.

Thank you.

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