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Dear Dockets Management Branch Staff:

In March 1999, the United Poultry Concerns (UPC) wrote to the Food & Drug Administration requesting the agency reach a decision on their petition to ban forced molting, filed in April 1998 by UPC and the Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights (AVAR). The petition is based on documentation that starving the hens wrecks their immune systems, often resulting in Salmonella Enteritis bacterial poisoning of the hens and their eggs.

This practice is inhumane, non-productive and potentially harmful for humans as well as the hens.

Thank you for your cooperation in banning forced molting.

Sincerely,

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