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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen of the FDA,

In reference to Docket numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, and 97P-0197.

Forced molting of hens destroys immune systems of starving hens, promoting disease.

Cruelty and contamination are linked.

FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices that injure human health.

FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Eating animals may be a natural human activity. Torturing them for their entire lives is not. Torture of any living being cannot have healthy results for the rest of life. All life is interconnected. Damage and mistreatment of one part of the web of life is felt in all parts.

When people numb themselves to the suffering of others - human, animal, or ecosphere, the repercussions of these choices will return in some form - because all Life is one, and ultimately the only safe way to treat it is with respect & honoring - treating it the way one wants to be treated oneself. Please consider these points.

Sincerely,
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