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To whom it may Concern,

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On April of 1998 the F.D.A. was petitioned to ban forced molting of laying hens. A practice that is not only cruel, where the birds are concerned as the hapless hens are starved for up to fourteen days, but this practice of forced molting has scientifically been linked to disease in the hens, their eggs and subsequentally the unwary consumer. If youre agency regulates what is deemed wholesome food for human consumption, how can youre agency justify the continuance of forced molting? The F.D.A. has jurisdiction to ban such practices that are injurious to human health. Warning labels on egg cartons are an insult to the public, why should we be warned of something that need not be a risk? Egg producers are allowed to produce an unclean product for human consumption so that they might increase their profit, and the F.D.A. allows it! This is outrageous! Youre agency's main concern should be the public's health, not the profit margin of egg producers. As it is, you may as well disassemble. Illness and deaths caused by contaminated eggs fall under youre jurisdiction, please grant the petition to ban forced molting without further delay. I refer to docket numbers: 98N-1230, 96P-0418 and 97P-0197. With no other way to word it, please do youre job and protect human health by banning forced molting of laying hens!

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