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Dear Sir,

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RE: Docket #'s 98N-1230, 96P-0418, and 97P-0197

Thank you for allowing me a moment of your time! I am writing today to urge the FDA to prohibit the practice of forced molting in hens, since it has already been proved that forced molting promotes disease by destroying the malnourished hen's immune systems. The FDA has the authority to ban forced molting and should do so.

Forced molting of laying hens is the primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers of eggs. The FDA was presented with a petition in April, 1998, to ban forced molting. The FDA must stop its foot dragging and the petition should be granted without any further delays or stalling.

Your expedient action on this matter is

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grateful appreciated.

Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

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