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Dear Sir,

Salmonella bacteria in chickens and their eggs is a threat to consumers' health; therefore, I think the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) should do much more than it is doing now.

I understand it has been scientifically shown that forced molting, which is achieved by starving egg-laying hens, destroys the starving hens' immune systems and promote disease including salmonella.

I believe the FDA should prohibit the egg industry the practice of hens' forced molting. All the egg industry cares for is to produce more eggs, thus make more money — it does not care at all if people get sick with salmonella poisoning. Since the FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, it has the power and the responsibility to ban the forced molting of egg-laying hens.

I understand the FDA has been petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. I

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believe this petition should be granted without further delay.

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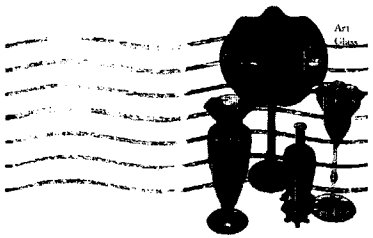

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