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This letter is in reference to docket numbers 98N-1230; 96P-0418; and 97P-0197.

Please consider the practice of "forced molting" when you examine the causes of egg-borne diseases. This practice destroys the chicken's immune system and promotes diseases that are passed on to the consumer.

Our family has almost entirely eliminated eggs from our diet because of the many newspaper articles and TV reports we've received about the dangers of eating eggs. Just this week it was reported on TV that an egg needs to be cooked until the yolk is solid for it to be safe to eat!

Any steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of eating eggs is worth your action. It seems that banning "forced molting" and providing a cleaner, less crowded environment for hens to lay in, would be a constructive first step toward making our eggs safer to eat. Perhaps this would lead toward future chicken farms that are cleaner, safer and more humane.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours,
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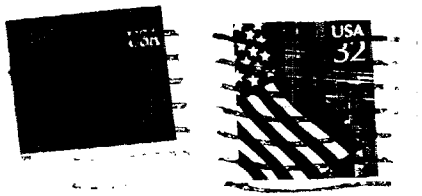

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