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To Whom it May Concern

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Forced molting of laying hens is an unacceptable practice that only the FDA has jurisdiction to ban this harmful practice. Not only is forced molting injurious to the hens, it is a health hazard to people.

Therefore, the FDA must go further ~~that~~ than warning labels on egg cartons (in small print) and determining proper ~~freig~~ refrigeration temperatures! You MUST prohibit forced molting - there is a scientifically proven relationship between disease and the hens' compromised - destroyed - immune systems.

96P-0418 Cruelty and contamination go hand in hand. You must ban forced molting of laying hens since it is a proven primary cause

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of infectious disease in hens, eggs and consumers of eggs. Cruelty = contamination!

FDA was petitioned on this horrendous practice back in April 1998. Please, grant the ~~pend~~ petition immediately. Millions of hens and the public health are at stake.

Sincerely

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