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To Whom This May Concern:

I am writing concerning docket numbers 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197 and wish to make a few points on reducing egg borne diseases because of the many illnesses and deaths caused by contaminated eggs

I am writing to ask that forced molting of laying hens be banned. The FDA was petitioned to do so in April. This petition should be granted without further delay. Forced molting should be prohibited because it has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the starving

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hens' immune systems, and the FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices such as forced molting that injure human health.

The FDA must protect human health by doing more than put Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. The answer to this problem is to ban forced molting.

Thank you for your time

Sincerely,

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