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Food and Drug Administration
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To whom it may concern:

This is regarding Docket numbers 98N-1230; 96P-0418; and 97P-0197.

I'm writing on behalf of our members, the humane community and a great number of citizens who are concerned for their health, safety. We ask the FDA to ban forced molting practices. We've learned that forced molting destroys the starving hens' immune system. Thereby it promotes disease. It is the primary cause of infectious diseases in hens and eggs. Consequently, the consumer are affected.

The FDA has jurisdiction to ban all dangerous farm practices (such as forced molting) and the FDA was petitioned in 1998 to ban forced molting. We, the

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consumers ask that this petition be granted without further delay.

Sincerely,

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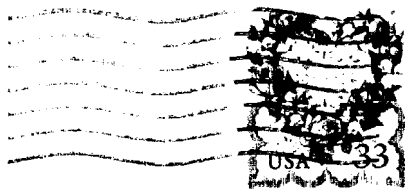

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