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Dear Sir

We are writing to tell you that we support the petition to ban the forced moulting of layer hens (docket 98P-0203/CP). Research shows that forced moulting is a major cause of salmonella poisoning in eggs. The stressful conditions (depriving the hens of food & water for two weeks or more & kept in total darkness for weeks on end) weakens the birds' immune systems so badly that thousands die & rot in their cages, the rest become prone to disease, bone breakage & salmonella infections. They are then slaughtered & eaten by Americans.

Forced moulting is so cruel it was banned completely in Britain in 1987. How can a civilised country like America let this dreadful practise continue? Please enforce the ban now.

Yours

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