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FDA can and must protect public health by more aggressively regulating the egg industry.

Practices, such as forced molting, which has been scientifically proven to damage laying hens' immune systems rendering them disease-prone, should be banned immediately. Many incidences of disease, especially egg-borne Salmonella enteritis have been caused by this manipulation of the laying hens.

In addition, egg cartons should be labeled, warning consumers of the potential for bacterial infection. FDA should also regulate the storage temperatures of eggs.

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In April of last year, FDA was petitioned about this very matter. This petition

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should be granted immediately to protect the public from this very real danger.

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