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I was appalled and extremely upset to read about the chickens industries' common and inhumane practice of starving chickens for 14 days in order to unnaturally increase egg production.

By allowing this cruel practice you are not only destroying the hens natural immune system, but you are also jeopardizing human health.

Scientic studies have shown that eggs produced under these cruel and unnatural conditions are often diseased and contain unacceptable levels of bacteria which leads to salmonella poisonings. Why do you allow this dangerous practice to continue? As the official regulatory agency, I urge you to immediately ban the forced molting practice that presently exist in the uncaring factory farms of America, where money and profit are the main concern not the proper, humane care of animals and the health welfare of humans.

Animals are sentient, feeling creatures. Although they cannot talk for themselves, they have a fundamental right to a cruel-free and stress-free existence.

Please vote to end this practice

I'm looking forward to your reply. Carmela Turi

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I forgot to include the docket numbers in my original letter. This is a replacement letter about this important issue. Please re-read.

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