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This letter is regarding dockets 98N-1230, 96P-0418, and 97P-0197. I encourage the FDA to prohibit the practice of forced molting of egg laying hens for a number of reasons. First, in order for forced molting to occur the hen must be starved for fourteen days, until her feathers are gone, as well as her healthy immune system. Destroying a hen's immune system promotes disease and harms the hen's health. This is the primary cause of infection in hens, and taints the eggs they lay, as well as and consummers of eggs. The FDA should ban this practice if they care about the well being of both animals and humans. Thank you.

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