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Huntington, NY 11743

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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Representative:

I am writing about docket numbers: 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197.

I feel the FDA must do more than put Bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. The practice of forced molting destroys the starving hens' immune systems, and has been scientifically shown to promote disease. The FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that injure human health. The FDA must ban the forced molting of laying hens because forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and

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consumers of eggs. The cruelty and contamination are linked!

The FDA was petitioned in april 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Thank you for your time. I am sure you share my concern.

Sincerely,

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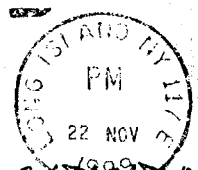

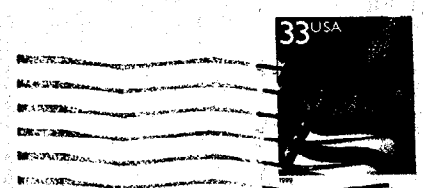

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