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To Whom It May Concern

RE: Docket # 98-045N

Induced/forced molting of egg laying hens presents a serious threat to human health and is seriously cruel to the hens.

Food withdrawal drastically increases campylobacter and salmonella contamination of these hens and turkeys. The evidence has been compiled by various schools and labs; published in a variety of sources:

University of Florida
General Accounting Office
U.S. News & World Report
Food Chemical News

I urge you to do the right thing for both the people and the birds - BAN FORCED MOULTING!

Sincerely

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