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Dear Sirs/Madams,

Regarding the proposed legislation allowing China to export poultry to the US, I insist it is crucial that inspectors first firmly demonstrated that Chinese companies seeking to do business with the US treat, house, and slaughter the animals in a humane manner.

In addition, a US humane slaughter law for avians is long overdue. How can we hope to survive as a society if we are actively torturing billions of creatures? The US and foreign nations could adopt such steps with minimal cost to industry so as to ensure avians were neither conscious at time of slaughter nor scalded alive in the "defeathering" process. In the 21st century AD, we surely have the responsibility to legislate against torture for humans and animals alike.

Respectfully,  
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