

**Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO USE OF BATTERY CAGES FOR HENS IN
THE EGG PRODUCTION INDUSTRY**

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To The Committee,

The use of battery cages in the egg industry is something that should never have been approved or allowed to be done. The purpose of these cages is not something that should be seen as resourceful or as an appropriate way to collect and sell eggs.

A ban of these and an industry shift is something that needs to happen promptly. The public has been calling for this to be done for decades and I myself, have been writing to government bodies on this exact issue for half my life. A ban of battery cages will not undo the past or how we have previously treated these animals, but it will make a literal life changing difference to any future egg laying hens.

You can easily access videos, photographs and hear stories from people who have worked on or visited these facilities. It doesn't take long to realize how barbaric these places are or how remorselessness the behavior is that we bestow onto these intelligent animals. Being forced to live in a wire cage, never being able to spread your wings or see the sun is absolutely no way any animal should be housed. Just because they cannot communicate in the same ways you and I do - doesn't mean they shouldn't be considered as important.

We are able to see so much research indicating the high intelligence chickens have. We know they are sentient beings who feel pain, can make friends, chickens can communicate to each other using 24 different vocalizations and when treated properly with care and respect they enjoy playing games like hide and seek, enjoy being cuddled, purr like a cat and like to build comfy nests - not being in cold barren cages.

I truly hope together we can make the world better for these animals.

Thank you for your time and considering my submission while you pass this bill.