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

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To whom is concerned,

It has come to my attention that the state of chickens forced to live in cages approx the size of an iPad is up for discussion. Factory farms are exploitative inherently. There is no way around it. To breed and grow a living creature in extremely confined spaces, seeing other chickens die slowly around them, is so barbaric and cruel.

Despite common misconception, chickens are much smarter and aware than people give them credit for, they are intelligent, caring and complex creatures that are so often overlooked. No animal is treated worse than a laying hen. To add to this cruelty, a large part of the industry confines them to cages with shark metal flooring that damages their feet and many painful processes along the way such as debeaking and the live maceration of male baby chicks.

Please consider making their sad lives a little better by freeing them from cages.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read this submission.