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

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I would like to add my voice to those who are advocating for the total cessation of battery hens and allowing them the freedom they should have. I believe that all creatures deserve respect and that humans have no right to ignore that respect. All animals experience the same basic needs and feelings. These hens give us so much. To punish them for this, by making their lives a misery, is so unfair. I am sure that the farmers who allow free range or the chance for their hens to experience freedom, are far more caring than those who raise their hens in cramped, horrible conditions. I refuse to buy eggs from battery hens and recommend free range to everyone I know. I abhor the fact that hens in cages ever existed. These beautiful creatures deserve their freedom. It makes me angry to think we need to even ask for this evil activity to stop. It should be common sense. We all need to experience the relationship we can have with other members of different species. Thank you.