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

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As a consumer and tax payer, I would like my views noted and taken into account in relation to confined, deprived battery or caged hens.

Being a reasonably educated and enlightened adult, I am dismayed and very disappointed at our governments and industry participants that allow and fight so strongly to maintain the current condition for hens caged to produce food for the market place.

We have seen misinformation on the space and conditions that poultry endure in this production of food. I conclude there is very little integrity in the industry that wants to maintain the current status quo and their lobbying the Government to continue to do so.

So far they have succeeded.

It's the 21stC and people are better informed and aware of how this industry chooses to treat living creatures. Many of us have made our decisions regarding this cruelty and utter deprivation suffered by hens in these severely restricted conditions. The cruelty is simply not acceptable any longer.

I no longer purchase any product that is acquired through cruelty to a living creature. I simply don't need it. There are other choices.

I look forward to an enlightened decision regarding the lives of poultry and the leadership I hope will prevail by our legislators.

Sincerely,