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

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Since eating eggs is now known to not only be necessary for human health but in fact not healthy for humans with access to a range of plant based foods, it is time to reduce the unnecessary cruelty and related resources that go into producing eggs.

The immediate shift in this direction must be to ban battery cages, and insist on better conditions for hens in the so-called "free range" egg industry. The associated higher prices, which will be a naturally expected "flow on" effect, will help send the message to consumers that animal welfare matters to the government, and also help drive people towards trying other alternatives including the many healthier and often cheaper plant based alternative foods.

I implore you to support this change and help end the battery cage industry once and for all.

Thank you
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