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

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The conditions under which hens in the egg industry live are disgraceful. I grew up on the land and saw firsthand the suffering of farm animals, and confined hens are some of the worst off animals around. Although chickens are seen as lesser beings, they are still individuals who have a subjective experience of the world just like humans, and it is easy to forget the fact that when we see an animal being harmed they are actually going through the experience in the first person. From our perspective the experience of a chicken seems irrelevant, but from an objective perspective the suffering a chicken can suffer is the same suffering that you or I would experience if we were in the same situation.

Please take this into account and do not force chickens to live in a way that would be unacceptable for a human to live.