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

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Hi there,

If the government makes these changes for the betterment of treatment for chickens in the animal agriculture industry, it would be a government far more representative of the public interest. So often, I hear politics surrounding the poor farmers hinderance from these decisions. I love the farmers, don't get me wrong but this will effect the big business side of the industry. Moreover, since when does keeping the status quo outweigh the importance of our development. It doesn't in any other industry. The beings at the forefront of this issue have no voice, but if they did I am sure they would tell you that living in those tiny cages, with their beaks cut off and festering with disease is a pretty terrible way of life. If you were to give yourself the same living conditions I'm sure you wouldn't describe it as humane. Don't use "the farmers" as an excuse this time. This isn't about the farmers. This is about moral obligation as evolved, intelligent beings. This is about what's fair. We are already forcing the animal to live it's short life devoted to giving us its eggs and flesh, let's make the livings conditions in that short life a little nicer. We aren't asking much. This is genuinely the bare minimum rights.