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

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I am a member of the public writing to express my concern at the inhumane treatment suffered by hens who are kept in battery cages. This is animal cruelty and should not be tolerated in a civilised society. Hens need to scratch and forage and be able to stretch their wings. Other animals are protected by legislation against cruel treatment by their owners - why not hens?

I think legislation should be introduced to ban the keeping of hens in battery cages.