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

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Dear Committee members,

To let hens live and produce eggs in Battery cages is cruel.
Hens in battery cages suffer from:

- * extreme behavioural deprivation;
- * the highest rates of disease osteoporosis (brittle bones);
- * the highest rates of bone fractures at depopulation; and
- * the highest rates of non-infectious diseases such as fatty liver disease.

All of these health and welfare problems are associated with the battery cage system itself. They cannot be addressed through good management.

Please give as natural life as possible roaming out doors.

Kind regards,
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