

**Submission  
No 499**

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

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Dear Committee members,

I speak as someone who has eaten a lot of chicken in my life, thus I am guilty of harming these innocent creatures.

But if we're going to eat them (and yes, I still do), can we at least be kind to them? PLEASE?

It is terrible that in 2019, we are still allowing hens to be confined to barren battery cages. In these cages, hens have the equivalent of an A4-size sheet of paper in floor space on which to live for the duration of their lives. Not only can they not perform normal behaviours like nesting, foraging, scratching, and dustbathing, they cannot even extend their wings.

Come on guys. We might be carnivores but there is NO EXCUSE for being unduly cruel to the poor hens while they are alive.

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Kind regards,  
Duncan Smith