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Food Alliance  
c/o Scott Exo  
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Dear Mr. Exo,

On behalf of the Humane Society of the United States, the nation's largest animal protection organization with more than 11 million supporters, I'd like to applaud you for helping to create a better food supply. Food Alliance's egg standards are a dramatic improvement over cage egg production, and we applaud purchasers who switch from battery cage eggs to Food Alliance Certified eggs, instead.

Hens confined in cages are each given less space than a single sheet of paper to live for their entire lives. They're unable to engage in vital natural behaviors like walking, dust bathing, perching, scratching, foraging, nesting, and even something as simple as standing on solid ground.

Confining hens in cages is so cruel it's being phased out in two states and major restaurant chains, grocery stores, food manufactures, food service companies, and university cafeterias are moving away from selling eggs from this confinement system.

Farms that are certified by Food Alliance must allow hens to engage in many natural behaviors denied to them in a cage, and they're 3<sup>rd</sup>-party audited to ensure compliance. Switching from battery cage eggs to Food Alliance Certified eggs is a way to significantly improve the lives of animals within their supply chain.

Sincerely,

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