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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to express my support for the humane handling of poultry. I ~~am~~ would also like to request that there be a federal statute in place dictating ~~governing~~ what constitutes humane handling and slaughter of poultry. The conditions under which most chickens live is deplorable, especially the battery cage hens which produce our nation's eggs. They are crammed together in cages so small that they can't even move; their ^{bare skin is exposed} ~~feathers~~ are ^{exposed} & rubbed raw ^{due} to feather-loss caused by rubbing up against the other chickens; ^{& the wire of the cages} ~~and~~ their claws will actually fuse together while clasping the wire casing, as they are kept stationary for such long periods of time; ^{rendering them completely immobile} ~~and~~ their beaks are seared off with a hot ~~pl~~ blade without anesthesia to prevent the chickens from pecking each other due to stress, and the hens get caked & coated in feces, as the cages are stacked one on top of another, forcing them ~~to~~ to defecate & urinate on one another. The fumes from the feces & urine cause

respiratory illness. Many hens die from the stress of being so crowded & being denied all their instinctual habits & needs. I would just ask that these hens - and those chickens raised for meat - be treated with enough dignity to allow them to live a life without suffering. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely -

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