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Dear Animal Welfare Standards public consultation,

My name is Robert Lenon and I am the Assistant Principal of Braidwood Central School.

As part of our media studies unit that students undertake in years 4-6, we have been looking at the welfare of hens in the egg industry.

Attached are a selection of letters from students outlining a range of positions on this important topic.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could consider our points of view and respond to our letter.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Lenon

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I'm Sam Watson a 12yr old boy from Braidwood central school and I'm writing a letter to people that I think are important in this egg debate. I chose this topic because I believe it is useful and important, so here's what I think.

Chickens DO need to be happy and cage chooks don't seem to be. Imagine never feeling sunlight warm you or never feeling the wind curling around your body. Some people in my class looked up some videos -god knows why?- and what they found is pretty disgusting about what the cage chooks have to put up with. They need way better living conditions, maybe even get rid of cages altogether. Chooks DESERVE the basic rights of exercise, dust bathing, foraging, roosting at night, scratching around, socialising and not having to fight over space.

I reckon that barn and free-range are the way to go. I think it's a bit greedy and not really fair on the chooks to keep them in cages. I think that the industry needs to stop thinking about money and start thinking properly. I think the chooks need to be put first and \$\$\$\$\$\$ second. It's cruel and unfair on the chooks and it needs to change.

Thanks, yours sincerely Sam Watson

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I think you need to stop putting hen in cages. Hens have their right to roam around, perch and find their own food and play with others. But when they are stuck in cages with other hens they can't roam around perch and find their own food. Maybe some hens get sick or maybe die. But at least they get a better life then the ones in the cages.

I know that people say that it is less stressful but I think that when they are roaming around and when they have they freedom and they should be able to go in and out of a barn that farmers should have. Not cages. But I think that free range hens are less stressful.

Can you please stop all the farmers from putting
the hens in cages!

By Lexi

Age10

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Dear Animal Welfare Standards,

Please don't put hens in cages. Hens need to be free. Hens need to run and perch, and have dust baths.

So please don't put hens in cages.

Sky Webb

Age 10.

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Dear Animal Welfare Standards,

Please don't put the chickens in cage. They need to be free and do what they want to do.

The chickens will have no space and room to move.

Please make the eggs cheaper so people can buy the eggs.
The free range chickens are much easier to handle.

By Sarah Hewitt

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Animal welfare standards,

I feel that chickens should not be caged up. Chickens need to roam around, socialise, nest, forage, dust bath, roost and nest. When they are in a cage they can barely do anything. That's why they need to be free range because they need to do what a chickens needs.

I also feel that free range eggs are healthier then caged eggs and free range have more nutrition. So please animal welfare get rid of cages so the chickens can live in peace

Yours sincerely

Pyper Critchlow

age:11