

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: Free Range Egg Labelling Information Standard

I am writing to you today to plead for your support for animal welfare and ensure that the Information Standard provides consumers with certainty by:

Tightening the exceptions for providing access to the outdoor range so that access cannot be denied on a routine basis;

- Including a requirement that regulators consider the following in determining what “meaningful and regular access” means:
- Flock size and stocking densities inside the barn;
- Size of openings relative to the number of hens;
- Placement of physical structures and architecture inside the barn;
- The condition of the outdoor range including providing adequate shelter, foliage and vegetation; and
- The extent to which hens actually access the range.

Further to the above, from an emotional perspective, I plead to you again. This is from the heart of the community, who want, need and deserve nothing more than the truth. Most people lack the time, energy and stamina to fight but we all know, that given the choice, we choose honesty, transparency and kindness. So please, listen to the people who are screaming out to you for help. Please do something we can be proud of. Choose kindness.