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Dr. Nancy Halpern, Director
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Dear Dr. Halpern,

We are concerned about the “new” proposed standards for the treatment of farm animals. The “new” proposed standards allow cruel factory farming to continue. Veal crates, gestation crates and forced molting are inhumane and the husbandry practices are open to interpretation. These “new” standards will make it difficult to enforce humane law.

Although most farm animals are raised to die, they deserve basic humane treatment while they are alive, proper food and room to walk and move is the least we can do for them.

We are hopeful that the New Jersey Department of Agriculture will redraft their farm animal standards. New Jersey has an opportunity to become a model for treatment of farm animals.

Sincerely,

Tee Carlson
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