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**Against H-7946**

**March 25, 2024**

**House Corporations Committee**

**RI State House**

**82 Smith Street**

**Providence, RI 02903**

**Dear Committee Member:**

**On behalf of our members, supporters, and board members, I am respectfully requesting that you for against House Bill H-7946, which would take away the space that egg-laying hens presently have in Rhode Island.**

**It's bad enough that the majority of our egg supply comes from female chickens being subjected to acts of cruelty; namely, cramming together thousands of chickens known as laying hens . Conditions are filthy darkened places while the hens' natural abilities are taken away. It is, indeed, an industry full of cruelty, including the fact that male chicks are typically slaughtered the same day.**

**Our organization is respectfully requesting that you vote no to reducing the space presently allowed for egg-laying hens in Rhode Island.**

**Consider humanness: vote against H-7946.**

**Sincerely,**

***Dennis Tabella***

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**Director**