



September 15, 2009

Mr. Jim Byrum
Chief Executive Officer
Michigan Agribusiness Association
1501 North Shore Drive
Lausing, MI

Dear Jim:

I am writing to state that Michigan Allied Poultry Industries, a trade association of all the commercial poultry farmers in Michigan, supports the proposed compromise legislation which will set a clear path for the continued appropriate animal welfare for poultry. This compromise legislation, terms of which have been agreed to by both Michigan poultry and pork farmers, will allow adequate time for farmers to economically upgrade their housing facilities and satisfy the initiative of the Humane Society of the United States to improve animal welfare for poultry and hogs in a well thought out fashion.

The agreement which covers the specific square inches per bird for laying hens provides that the Michigan Department of Agriculture will be the administrator of the program. It provides that violation of the agreement will result in Civil Penalties and there will be a ten year phase in to allow egg producing farmers to make changes in economically viable ways.

This agreement is historic and provides a continued stream of safe high quality protein in poultry products and eggs for the consumer.

Given the compromises reached Michigan Allied Poultry Industries is in full support of the compromise measure as proposed by HSUS and the pork and poultry farmers of Michigan.

Sincerely yours,

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