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**To:** RRAT, Committee (SEN)

**Subject:** National Animal Welfare Bill

Dear Senators,

What could I say that has not already been better expressed by those who hold high the welfare and humane management of animals. For my part I see the saddest issue is \$ returns for operating unacceptable containment of animals in cages or pens that constrict natural activities. Such containment restricts regular removal of feces and other materials within these contained environments. While we would survive, eat when fed, would we accept living in our own feces and say it was a quality of life we would enjoy.

All animals have a desire to live and I ask what makes the containing and restriction of an animal's entire life long liberty appropriate just because their about to serve our food consumption needs.

When deciding on this issue, please consider they are not 'DUM ANIMALS'. Millions of years of social and interactive evolution is been packed into every one of these beings which are being held and restricted in an alien environment. I ask you to give them their basic freedoms to allow them to live their controlled lives in a more suitable accommodations designed to truly meet and serve their social and environmental needs.

Sincerely

Richard Gould