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LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AB3201 (Levine, Medina, and Salas)

Farm animals: egg-laying hens: confinement

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Dear Assembly Member Caballero, and members of the Committee on Agriculture,

A Voice for Choice Advocacy asks for your **AYE VOTE on AB3201**, which would prohibit a farm owner or operator in California from confining an egg-laying hen in an enclosure that is not in compliance with specified standards, and selling shell eggs or liquid eggs from such confined hens.

Giving birds more room to move is vital to their welfare. A Voice for Choice Advocacy, would further support the bill if it was further amended to providing enrichments—perches, scratching and nesting areas, and materials with which to dust bathe, which are also essential to higher welfare for egg-laying hens, because such enrichments allow birds to perform some of their most basic natural behaviors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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