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Doug McMillon
President and CEO
Walmart Inc.

Dear Mr. McMillon:

I am writing to share with you the disturbing findings of PETA's undercover investigation into Trillium Farm Holdings, LLC—a group of Ohio factories whose eggs Walmart sells widely under its Great Value brand—and to urge Walmart to reconsider its relationship with Trillium.

During the investigation, hundreds of hens—trapped in the wire flooring of their cramped, filthy cages by a leg, a wing, or their head and unable to move, eat, or drink—died at the farm. Surviving hens in the crowded cages had no choice but to step on the rotting carcasses—next to which their eggs rolled by en route to Walmart's store shelves. Workers killed dozens of chickens by trying to break their necks. One worker ripped a live hen's head right off. A supervisor tried to kill one hen and left her in a trash bin, but later she was found still alive, severely injured and suffering. PETA's investigator immediately notified the supervisor, but two days later, he found that the hen was still languishing in pain, so another worker tried to break her neck—and then stood on top of her and other hens while they died.

Once their egg production declined and they were no longer profitable, hens were violently yanked out of their cages and slammed into metal boxes by the dozen. Some likely suffocated under hens who were piled on top of them, and the rest were crudely gassed with carbon dioxide, which can cause extreme pain. Then, workers dumped them onto a conveyor belt—without even verifying that they were dead. The [video footage](#), which you can see at [PETA.org](#), illustrates how little Walmart's professed commitments to improving the welfare of hens actually mean to the millions of individual, sensitive animals suffering—and dying—today for your brand of eggs.

These hens are afforded *none* of the so-called Five Freedoms that Walmart aspires to implement in its supply chain. Their miserable lives are filled with nothing but fear and distress, a total denial of their natural behavior, unrelenting pain on wire flooring, and—if they become trapped in the flooring—deadly hunger and thirst. No amount of certifications, site inspections (preceded by frantic attempts to sanitize and whitewash), third-party visits, or transitioning to cage-free eggs will wash Walmart's hands clean of hens' misery. As a first step to alleviating this suffering, Walmart must immediately reconsider selling eggs from Trillium to its shoppers, who, I am sure you agree, will be appalled by this video. We look forward to your reply and would be happy to meet with you to discuss this. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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