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END THE CAGE AGE

I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me calling for a ban on caged farming.

It has never been more pressing to drive forward a comprehensive and ambitious agenda on animal welfare. At the end of August, Labour published its newest 50-point Animal Welfare Manifesto, the result of a public consultation on a range of animal welfare policies designed to underpin the next phase of animal welfare initiatives under a future Labour government.

Numerous countries across the EU have already taken steps to end the 'cage age' of farming, and the UK must set an example of a more humane farming system if it is not to be left behind. Labour's Manifesto outlines our pledge to achieve precisely this, and to bring to a close all outdated farming practices that cause animals distress and restrict natural behaviour.

You can read the full Manifesto [here](#).

Whilst Labour remains in opposition, I will continue to work with my fellow Labour MPs to press the Government to guarantee that policy across Whitehall is continually informed and underpinned by the latest scientific evidence on animal sentience and best practice in animal welfare.

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me on this issue.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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