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Mr. Steve Bresky
President and CEO
Seaboard Foods, Inc.
Via email: steve_bresky@seaboardcorp.com

Dear Mr. Bresky,

I hope this letter finds you well and you're enjoying the New Year. I have never written an open letter before but find myself compelled to do so now. I care greatly about how animals are treated and have concerns that Seaboard Corporation may not share my values.

Until relatively recently, I was oblivious to factory farming conditions innocent animals endure on a daily basis. More specifically, I discovered that Seaboard insists on locking mother pigs in tiny gestation crates, with apparently no plans to move away from that particularly inhumane practice.

The metal gestation crates that currently confine millions of mother pigs nationwide are relics of the 1960s; more modern, efficient, and humane ways of breeding pigs are certainly at your disposal. I was heartened to learn that most of the largest pork buyers (companies like McDonald's, Costco and Wendy's) and pork-producing competitors publicly announced plans to move away from gestation crates.

I can't seem to comprehend how we, as inherently good people, still take part in some of the cruel methods of the past. I urge you take steps toward eliminating outdated gestation crates, both for the pigs at your mercy and millions of people across the globe who believe the way we treat animals reflects our own humanity.

I kindly ask that you not let us down.

Thank you, and I hope to hear from The Humane Society of the United States that Seaboard will stop using cruel, outdated gestation cages.

With regards,



Paul Wesley