

Dear [MP in your area, find them here: <https://www.theyworkforyou.com/>],

As the Pig Husbandry (Farrowing) Bill moves through parliament I urge you to support it. It is of utmost importance that we reject this cruel practise where mother pigs are kept in crates too narrow for them to even turn around, while suckling their piglets for 4 weeks. They can be in these crates for up to 10 weeks a year. We need to follow the example of Norway, Switzerland and Sweden and from 2027 Germany too, and ban them. As Sir David Amess MP stated in the Bill first reading;

'The Prime Minister himself stated in this chamber, and I quote, "there will be measures we will be able to implement as a result of Brexit, such as banning sow farrowing crates'. We must not waste this opportunity to become world leaders in animal welfare....I hope that the Government will support this Bill to ensure it becomes law and fully recognises the unnecessary pain and suffering sows experience in farrowing crates.'

Ultimately cruel practises such as farrowing crates are used to facilitate a system of rearing pigs that is designed by economies rather than high welfare to produce as much as possible, for as cheap as possible. So that farmers can keep up with economies of scale, farrowing crates are now endemic in pork production. In order to ensure that a ban on farrowing crates doesn't push small and medium scale farms out of business, ***this ban on farrowing crates needs to be met with a support and incentive scheme that helps them afford the infrastructure changes to higher welfare systems of pig farming.***

Signed,

[Name]