



**The pork industry is simply out of touch.** It thinks it's fine to immobilize animals in small crates, even while its customers have said this extreme confinement system is unacceptable. This year alone, McDonald's, Burger King, Costco, Safeway, and other major companies have pledged to phase out pork from pigs bred in gestation crates—two-foot-wide metal cages where breeding sows can barely move for their entire lives.

Yet rather than innovate in its own industry, and pay attention to the wishes of its customers, the pork industry is instead trying to subvert an agreement on animal welfare reached between the egg industry and humane groups.

It's the very sort of special interest power play that the public detests about the workings of Congress.

Why would Congress pay attention to the pork industry on an egg issue? Perhaps the National Pork Producers Council should clean up its own house before telling another sector of animal agriculture how to run its business.

**These are the last guys who should be giving orders on animal care.**

**"So our animals can't turn around for the 2.5 years that they are in the stalls producing piglets. I don't know who asked the sow if she wanted to turn around ..."**

—Spokesman for National Pork Producers Council  
(*National Journal*, July 24, 2012)

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