Dear Mr. Huskey,

For years Costco has been saying that it has a policy asking its suppliers to phase out gestation crates in favor of group housing ... and that the goal is "100% of the pork sold in our fresh departments is from open pen gestation housing." While this sounds like a straightforward commitment to end the use of crates, apparently it is not.

It is a known common practice of major suppliers like JBS and Smithfield (brands in your stores) that pigs live in gestation crates for the first 6 weeks after they are impregnated – that's one third of the pregnancy! Considering that this pig is impregnated twice during the year, it amounts to months spent each year in a space so small she cannot even turn around or walk a single step.

_How is this OK with Costco?_

Gestation crates are considered by many, including myself, to be cruel. As you know, 10 states have outlawed gestation crates as animal cruelty, and on 1/1/22 it will be illegal in California to produce or sell pork that comes from operations that use gestation crates.

As a loyal Costco member, I implore Costco to live up to its promise to be 100% crate free, and require your major suppliers to to stop using gestation crates even for the first six weeks.

I want to support businesses that treat animals with common decency.

Sincerely,

Name _______________________________

Costco Member #: _____________________