

Bob Huskey
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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 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 #: _____