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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
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This bill is simply another attempt to pacify lobbyists from the animal agriculture industry and frighten whistleblowers into silence. My concern is the horrific conditions many of these animals suffer will be further hidden from the public and the disregard for animal welfare will increase with little or no consequence. Factory farms are based on cruelty and I do not support it. If it were not for people willing to speak out and take action the suffering within the animal agriculture business will increase. This involves animals such as pigs or chickens living in filth, having none or dirty water and food. Living in confined, cramped conditions with the dead of their kind. Never seeing daylight or knowing an ounce of kindness. Calves that are taken straight from their mothers and slaughtered within days of being born. Piglets and sows never being able to be together. Kids being slaughtered and thrown into dumpsters because they are male. Male chicks being macerated. The cruelty these animals endure must be exposed so better ways of doing business can be found - allowing pigs to wallow in mud, allowing animals daylight, sunshine, rain, being able to scrounge in the earth and being who they should be and treated humanely with respect. This in turn will eliminate the overuse of anti biotics these intensively farmed animals are fed to try and counteract the diseases that come with the appalling conditions they are "farmed" in. This is only the tip of the iceberg. Then there is the disgusting pollution these farms produce not to mention the land clearing. If farmers are doing the right thing by their animals they would have nothing to fear from activists or whistleblowers. I do not believe those trying to stand up and speak up for the animals should be punished in they way this new Bill states. Who will stand up for the animals?