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There is already a huge amount of cruelty endemic in current farming practices. Despite their claims to the contrary, farming is about dollars. Farmers will do whatever they think they must do to reach their bottom line! It is a business. Should the rights of protesters and whistleblowers be removed, then this is a clear message to farmers and those involved in large farming industries, that they CAN do whatever they like to animals, no matter the level or depth of the cruelty involved. Animals DO feel pain. No dog returns home from an operation at the vet without painkillers! Why is it that farmers are allowed by law to treat their animals differently? Why is it that we as humans do not question this and allow it to happen? Why is it that truck drivers of livestock can and DO leave dark animals, such as Black Angus out in the blazing Australian heat while they run in to get a McDonalds? Why is it that many farms do not have sufficient shade? Or high ground for cattle to go in times of flood? Under these new laws, would I not have the right to take photos and report this? Well, I am questioning this and strongly believe that people do have the right to speak for those who have no voice. Without animal activists, this industry of farming with have no oversight! Those who SHOULD be responsible for this have long ago negated and abandoned their responsibilities. Yours faithfully, Virginia Burns