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**INQUIRY INTO PROVISIONS OF THE RIGHT TO FARM
BILL 2019**

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The Right to Farm Bill is an attempt to stop and does not align with community expectations for animal welfare. I am very concerned that this bill will create more animal cruelty because the community will not have the right to a peaceful protect and the ability of whistleblowers to report animal cruelty. I am sitting here shaking my head in disbelief that our Government would allow a Right to Farm Bill.

My belief is that animal agriculture needs to be transparent and held accountable for any atrocities and animal cruelty claims and this includes :-

Example facts you could reference:

- o The Bill will make aggravated trespass punishable by up to \$13,200 and 12 months imprisonment. At the moment, the maximum punishment is \$5,500 and no jail time. This is more than doubling the existing penalty.
- o The Bill will make an individual accused of aggravated trespass face up to a \$22,000 fine and up to 3 years imprisonment if they are in the company of two or more people.
- o The Bill also changes the definition of aggravated trespass to include “wilfully or negligently” releasing livestock.
- o There is no evidence that there is a need to increase punishment for farm trespass, or that this increase will deter trespassers. Previous attempts by the government to stifle whistleblowers only led to more community concern regarding animal welfare.

I can't believe that this bill will try to cover up the inhumane treatment of animals and the horrors at :-

Please do not take this lightly. The animals need us.