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I am writing to the committee in my capacity as CEO of Vyefield Enterprises Ltd.

I am in strong support of bill C-206

As you are reviewing the impact of the carbon tax on various farm industries I would like to point out that it challenges the very viability and sustainability of our poultry operations in the province of Alberta

In particular I struggle with the application and impact of this tax on the natural gas we use in our farming operation as we raise broiler chickens.

It increases the cost of raising broiler chickens and we can't recover these increased costs. It is a burden on our operations. It is also at cross purposes of the intent of the carbon tax. If I understand the intent and philosophy behind the tax it is meant to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Herein lies the conundrum for us. We need to use a certain amount of natural gas to heat our barns to a certain temperature in order to raise chickens and get them into the food chain. If we follow the intent and philosophy behind the carbon tax and reduce the needed temperatures for raising chickens by cutting back on natural gas we will have chickens that suffer and possibly die because of lack of proper temperatures. This in turn would leave us vulnerable to charges of animal cruelty so we obviously will not and can not reduce our consumption of natural gas

As committee filled with bright individuals you all will understand that we can't follow the full intent and spirit of the legislation.

Please change the legislation via bill C-206 and remove the carbon tax on natural gas that we specifically use along with many other farmers on chicken (Boiler) farms. We have always felt honored to be in a position to provide Canadian consumers with quality chicken meat and wish to continue to do.

On the financial viability we face the following: Each \$10.00 per tonne of carbon tax costs us \$2,000.00 on average per month and when the cost goes to the intended level of \$170.00 per tonne our cost will rise to \$34,000.00 per month or \$408,000.00 per annum. These amounts of carbon tax will destroy the viability of our chicken operation and many others operations in the chicken industry. This definitely was not the intent of the architects of the carbon tax. These are the unintended consequences that can occur even when we do honorable things and then must be fixed.

Hopefully this helps you in your deliberations. I am available by phone, zoom, or in person to answer any questions that may arise as you as a committee strive to serve all Canadians

Vyefield Enterprises Ltd is a family business owned by The Kielstra Family. We are involved in poultry farming, dairy farming, poultry processing and supplying the baking industry with various blends and mixes.

Kind Regards
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